

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING MORE WOMEN TO BECOME LEADERS IN SPORT

The Allan Labor Government is helping more women to take on leadership roles in the sport sector, with grants of up to \$10,000 for women to upskill and progress their careers.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced that more than 100 women will get access to professional development and training opportunities through the 2024-25 *Change Our Game Professional Development Scholarships Program*.

The program has six main streams – from supporting those in the early years of their careers or returning from a career break such as parental leave, through to executives and new and aspiring board members.

Recipients will get access to a range of professional development opportunities like governance training, access to leading career coaches, and courses specifically tailored to give women the skills and confidence to excel in their careers.

Erin Clout, who is the Head of Player Relations at Professional Footballers Australia, is doing a Foundations of Directorship course to build her skills and advance her aspirations to become a board director in the sport and recreation sector.

Since 2018, the *Change Our Game* program has provided more than 600 opportunities for women who work in a range of sporting organisations.

For more information on the program, visit [changeourgame.vic.gov.au](https://changeourgame.vic.gov.au).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

*“This program is not only supporting women to advance their careers in sport, it’s helping us work towards gender equity in the sport sector.”*

*“We are shaping the future of sport for generations to come – we’re getting more women into leadership roles which will deliver better experiences for girls now and into the future.”*

### Quotes attributable to Director of the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation Sarah Styles

*“By increasing the representation of women in leadership roles, we can create a more inclusive sporting environment that fosters innovation and growth.”*