

Media Release

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GIPPSLAND SPORTING UPGRADES MOVE AHEAD

Gippsland's sport and entertainment venues are getting major upgrades thanks to the Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced that plans for the Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium are underway, with local firm JJC Design appointed to lead design works for stadium facilities – including a new change room for officials, roof works and lighting design.

Key milestones have also been reached at the Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park and Morwell Gun Club with the appointment of Brand Architects as the principal design consultant for both projects.

The Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park is getting a new pavilion with change rooms, upgraded pitches with better lighting, new player facilities and a bigger car park – which will increase capacity and allow bigger competitions and tournaments to be held there.

Meanwhile, Morwell Gun Club is getting a brand new shooting range and security fencing, creating a much bigger space for the sport.

Expressions of Interest are now open for a Head Contractor to deliver the Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park and Morwell Gun Club.

Architecture Matters has been appointed as lead design consultant for the Ted Summerton Reserve upgrade, which will include a new pavilion with change rooms, upgraded accessible change facilities, new lighting, scoreboard and sight screen. The upgrades will be a game changer for everyone who uses the venue, including local footballers, netballers and cricketers.

These new and upgraded facilities are funded through the Labor Government's *Regional Sports Infrastructure Program* which is part of a record \$45 billion investment since 2014 in projects and programs that matter to regional communities – including more than \$2.3 billion for sport and active recreation infrastructure across Victoria.

For more information about the Regional Sports Infrastructure Program, visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"These upgrades will provide a massive boost to community sport, delivering significant benefits across Gippsland."

Quote attributable to Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"All local communities deserve to have great sporting facilities – not only do they benefit the clubs and players, they boost local jobs and economies too."

Quote attributable to Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing

"From shooting to soccer, we are determined to continue our record investment in new and upgraded sporting facilities for Gippsland. This funding will provide even more clubs and communities with the facilities they need to grow to host more elite sporting events."

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