

# Media Release

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## A BOOST FOR COMMUNITY SPORT IN THE REGIONS

A new Allan Labor Government program is backing more community sport in regional Victoria.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today announced more than \$1 million in grants from the *Strengthening Regional Community Sport* program will go to seven organisations to deliver programs in regional Victoria.

Grant recipients include Badminton Victoria, which has received \$170,000 to increase participation and make the sport more inclusive across seven areas in regional Victoria, with a focus on communities who may not have taken part in the sport before.

A \$130,000 grant will support AusTriathlon Victoria to create more triathlon opportunities in regional Victoria, including for First Nations people and people with disability.

A \$230,000 boost will help Life Saving Victoria partner with Gippsland based organisations, including Gippsport and local schools, to grow participation and the skills of local lifesavers.

*Strengthening Regional Community Sport* is designed to help bring organisations, clubs, leagues and associations in regional Victoria together to work on tailored, localised projects that remove barriers, create opportunities, support volunteers and increase participation.

The program is part of the Labor Government's \$60 million *Regional Community Sport Development Fund* that is delivering infrastructure and programs to support more regional Victorian families and children to get involved in sport.

Supporting the development of a highly skilled sport workforce is a key objective of *Active Victoria 2022-2026 – A strategic framework for sport and active recreation in Victoria*, which is creating a strong and sustainable sports industry for Victoria for the future.

For more information on the grants and to view the full list of recipients [sport.vic.gov.au](https://sport.vic.gov.au).

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

*"Grassroots clubs and competitions are the heart of regional communities, and these grants are helping organisations expand their programs and get more people involved in sport and recreation."*

*"Regional sport is as popular as ever and we're making sure local clubs have the coaches, volunteers and administrators they need to grow and thrive."*