

# Media Release

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## ELITE NETBALL IN REGIONAL VICTORIA FOR FAMILIES TO ENJOY

The Allan Labor Government is bringing more elite netball to regional Victoria for fans and families to enjoy, across Ballarat, Bendigo and Traralgon over the next three years.

Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison representing the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events today joined Netball Victoria CEO Andrea Pearman and Vixens and Australia Diamonds superstars Kate Moloney and Jo Weston at Selkirk Stadium in Ballarat to announce the exciting pre-season matches.

Following the success of the two-day Ballarat Blitz in March this year, Netball Victoria will now bring Super Netball to Ballarat, Bendigo and Traralgon in 2025, 2026 and 2027 – giving local netball fans the opportunity to see their heroes in their own town.

The Ballarat Blitz saw four exciting pre-season matches played at Selkirk Stadium, with the Adelaide Thunderbirds, GIANTS Netball and West Coast Fever all travelling to Ballarat for the competition against the Melbourne Vixens. A men's league exhibition match was also part of the Blitz.

As part of the roadshow there will be 15 matches, training sessions and community activities, junior clinics, and coaching and umpire workshops for locals.

The regional matches have been made possible by the Significant Sporting Events Program (SSEP), which has supported more than 1,000 sporting events of all shapes and sizes across the state, with more than half of all SSEP events being held in regional Victoria.

Further details, including the schedule and ticketing information, will be announced in the coming months.

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

*"Victorians live for sport and that passion is certainly not lost in the regions. We are bringing elite sport to all corners of our state so fans and families can experience the magic in their own backyards."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Wendouree Juliana Addison**

*"Regional Victorians deserve to witness elite sport in their own backyard and there isn't much better than Super Netball content in three booming regional centres including right here in Ballarat."*

### **Quote attributable to Netball Victoria CEO Andrea Pearman**

*"We're thrilled to continue working with the Victorian Government to deliver exciting netball events in regional Victoria each year, and this investment will enable us to expand our offering."*