## Media Release

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## MAGPIES SET TO SWOOP ON NEW ROXBURGH PARK PAVILION

Local footballers and cricketers can look forward to a better game day experience at Lakeside Reserve in Roxburgh Park with works now underway on a pavilion upgrade and expansion, backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for Greenvale Iwan Walters and Hume City Council Mayor, Cr Jarrod Bell at the reserve to officially start works at the site, made possible by \$500,000 investment from the Labor Government.

Home to more than 420 members from the Roxburgh Park Football Netball Club and Roxburgh Park Broadmeadows Cricket Club, the current pavilion has been struggling to cope with growing demand and needs updating.

The project will upgrade and expand the existing pavilion to include two female friendly player and two officials change facilities, accessible amenities, first aid room and storeroom.

Once complete, Lakeside Reserve will not only be a home for local sport but will also provide new spaces for nearby Roxburgh College and community groups to gather, stage events and run local programs.

The project is expected to be finished in early 2026 and also includes a more than \$1.75 million contribution from Hume City Council.

The Labor Government also recently invested \$112,000 towards new pitch lighting at nearby Arena Recreation Reserve which will help Roxburgh Park United Soccer Club host more training and night competitions so that more players can get their start on the pitch.

The *Victorian Budget 2024/25* is providing more than \$23 million to continue delivery of community sport and active recreation infrastructure, and programs to increase participation opportunities and improve accessibility.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities available through the Labor Government visit sport.vic.gov.au.

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

"With more and more families moving into growth areas like Hume, demand for sport is on the up."

'The new pavilion will give the Magpies room to grow, providing even more community members the chance to join in the fun."

"Sport and active recreation is not just good for our physical and mental health; it brings people together and builds communities."

## **Quotes attributable to Member for Greenvale Iwan Walters**

"This upgrade is great news for Roxburgh Park, giving our local footy and cricket clubs the facilities they need to grow while creating a fantastic community hub for sports and events."

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