

Media Release

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WINCHELSEA BOWLS CLUB SHINING BRIGHT

The future is bright for the Winchelsea Bowls Club, thanks to new lighting ensuring players can bowl day and night.

Parliamentary Secretary for Community Sport Michaela Settle, representing Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence, switched on the club's new 100 lux LED lighting, made possible by more than \$112,000 from the Allan Labor Government.

The Winchelsea Bowls Club has been a hub for lawn bowls in the area since 1932 and now boasts almost 100 members.

The investment has delivered four new light towers around the green allowing the club to host more bowls from barefoot to pennant throughout the year.

The new lights in addition to being energy efficient also provide safer bowling conditions for players with visibility at all hours of the day - encouraging greater participation.

The club can now build on its memberships, hold more competitions and host more intra and interclub tournaments.

Michaela Settle MP acknowledged project partner Winchelsea Bowls Club for its more than \$37,000 contribution and the Surf Coast Shire for its delivery of the project.

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

For more information about sport infrastructure grant opportunities available visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"We are focused on delivering better sport and recreation facilities across Victoria for communities – this upgrade will give locals the ability to play bowls day and night as well as growing the club into the future."

Quote attributable to Parliamentary Secretary for Community Sport Michaela Settle

"The new lighting is a big win for local bowls, providing the club the opportunity to welcome more players; and take the local game to the next level."

Quote attributable to Member for Western Victoria Gayle Tierney

"This new lighting will transform the Winchelsea Bowls Club, providing a vibrant and inclusive space where locals can enjoy lawn bowls, day or night. It's a fantastic boost for the club, its members, and the wider community."