

# **The Hon. Ros Spence**

## **Minister for Community Sport**

### **Community Sport Portfolio**

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# State of the Portfolio

## Sport and active recreation supports the health and wellbeing of all Victorians and builds the social fabric of the community

- ▶ In 2022-23 approximately **4.7 million** Victorian adults (aged 15+) took part in some form of physical activity at least once a week.
- ▶ Community sports infrastructure provides more than **\$7 billion** in benefits to Victoria per annum, of which:
  - ▶ **\$2.3 billion** are health benefits
  - ▶ **\$2.6 billion** are social benefits
  - ▶ **\$2.1 billion** are economic benefits.
- ▶ Around **71,000** Victorians are employed in the sport and recreation sector full time.
- ▶ In 2022-23, **930,000** Victorian adults (aged 15+) performed non-player roles (of which **847,000** were volunteers) in support of community sport.



# Achievements



- ➔ Close to **150,000** vouchers have been distributed through the Get Active Kids Voucher Program, supporting Victorian families with the cost of children's sport.
  - Half would not have been able to participate without a voucher.
  - A quarter had not previously participated in children's sport.
  
- ➔ More than **600** grants totalling more than **\$860,000** have been provided across the Sporting Club Grants Program and the Aboriginal Sport Participation Grant Programs.
  
- ➔ As of 1 March 2024, **94%** of funded state sporting associations and state sport and active recreation bodies comply with the Balance the Board policy, with a minimum of **40%** women on their boards.
  
- ➔ Delivered **\$14.5 million** through Together More Active 2023-27 to support more than **100 projects** to increase inclusive participation and create safe, welcoming spaces for all.

# Budget Initiatives

## The Victorian Budget 2024-25 provides funding of \$23.5 million for Community Sport and Recreation

- ▶ **\$17.5 million** to deliver new and upgraded community sport and active recreation infrastructure and pathway programs, including:
  - ▶ Local Sports Infrastructure Fund
  - ▶ Country Football and Netball Program
  - ▶ Basketball Victoria's High Performance Hub Program
  - ▶ Community sport and recreation projects.
- ▶ **\$6 million** to continue the Get Active Kids Voucher Program to ensure Victorian children can access sport and recreation.

