



# **The Hon. Ros Spence MP**

## Minister for Community Sport

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Jobs, Skills,  
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# State of the Portfolio

**Sport and active recreation supports the health and wellbeing of all Victorians and builds community**

- In 2024-25, over **4 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 including social, health and economic benefits.
- Around **71,000 FTE jobs** are supported directly and indirectly by the sport and recreation sector in Victoria.
- In 2024-25, more than **789,000 Victorian adults** (aged 15+) volunteered in community sport.



## Our Achievements

- Since 2021, **more than 250,000 vouchers** have been distributed through the **Get Active Kids Voucher Program**, supporting Victorian families with the cost of children's sport.
- More than **720** participation grants totalling more than **\$1.1 million** have been provided across the **Sporting Club Grants** and the **Aboriginal Sport Participation Grants** in 2025-26.
- Delivered **swimming lessons to more than 16,000 Victorian children** across around 150 venues through the **VICSWIM program** in 2025-26.
- **\$4.5 million** has been invested to support people with disability to participate, work and volunteer in sport and recreation in regional Victoria in 2025-26.
- **141** community sport and active recreation infrastructure projects supported in 2025-26.



# Budget Initiatives

**The Victorian Budget 2026-27 provides funding of \$35.9 million for Community Sport and Recreation**

- This investment will support the delivery of high-quality and accessible community sports infrastructure and participation programs including:
  - Local Sports Infrastructure Fund
  - Get Active Kids Voucher Program
  - Basketball Victoria's High Performance Hub Program

