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Community Sport Portfolio

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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 the social fabric of the community

- In 2023-24, approximately **3.8 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:
 - \$2.6 billion are social benefits
 - \$2.3 billion are health benefits
 - \$2.1 billion are economic benefits.
- Around **71,000 FTE jobs** are supported directly and indirectly by the sport and recreation sector in Victoria.
- In 2023-24, more than **750,000 Victorian adults** (aged 15+) volunteered in community sport.

Our Achievements

- ➔ **Almost 190,000 vouchers** have been distributed through the **Get Active Kids Voucher Program**, supporting Victorian families with the cost of children's sport.
- ➔ More than **913 grants** totalling more than **\$1.3 million** have been provided across the **Sporting Club Grants** and the **Aboriginal Sport Participation Grants**.
- ➔ **100% of Victorian councils** have adopted a gender equitable access and use policy in line with the **Fair Access Policy Roadmap**.
- ➔ **Delivery of 16 new or upgraded sporting venues** across the state is underway through the **Regional Sports Infrastructure Program**. This will help regional cities and towns become even better places to live, work, stay and play.





Budget Initiatives

The Victorian Budget 2025-26 provides funding of \$40.3 million for Community Sport and Recreation

- **\$20 million** to deliver high-quality, accessible community sports infrastructure programs including the Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.
- **\$20.3 million** to continue community sport and active recreation programs to ensure that Victorians can access sport and recreation including:
 - **\$15 million** for the Get Active Kids Voucher Program
 - Reclink’s ActiVIC and Future Active Programs
 - Basketball Victoria’s High Performance Hub Program.