

SPORTS AND COMMUNITY PACKAGE FACTSHEET

The Victorian Government's \$85 million package of sports programs and community infrastructure will deliver high-quality facilities, support local community services and create over 500 jobs.

New and upgraded infrastructure

The Latrobe Valley will become one of regional Australia's top sporting hubs. New and upgraded sporting facilities will bring the community together to play, socialise and compete. The new facilities will support the region's successful sporting teams, facilitate events and help get more people on to courts and playing fields across the Latrobe Valley.

The facilities are expected to create around 300 jobs during construction and 275 ongoing jobs.

A year-round program of major events

An investment of \$6.9 million over 5 years will deliver an extensive program of major events and community sporting activities. This will bring elite sports to the Valley with regular pre-season games, coaching clinics and community carnivals. A schedule is currently being drafted by participating sporting organisations including Collingwood Football and Netball Clubs, Melbourne Stars, Melbourne Victory and Swimming Australia.

- **\$46 million** Gippsland Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre in Traralgon: construction of a new sporting and community facility, including a 50 metre indoor pool with spectator seating.
- \$17 million Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports and Entertainment Complex, Traralgon: redevelopment of the existing stadium, including a refurbished show court and 3 new indoor courts.
- \$4 million Morwell Recreation Reserve: development of an AFL Centre of Excellence, including construction of a synthetic oval, upgraded ground lighting, and improved amenities.

Support for local community causes

Some of Victoria's biggest sporting organisations, led by the Collingwood Football and Netball Clubs, will come to the Latrobe Valley to build capacity at local clubs, run coaching clinics and host training camps.

These organisations will also partner with local community organisations to support the critically important work they do in tackling disadvantage, improving the health of the community and dealing with issues such as family violence, drug abuse and youth disengagement.

Who is delivering the program?

The program is being managed by the Latrobe Valley Authority (LVA). An advisory committee will be formed to support the package's delivery, including local sporting clubs, sports organisations and the Latrobe City Council. The community and other key partners will be consulted on the works as they are developed.

- \$1.7 million Latrobe Sports and Entertainment Complex, Morwell: redevelopment of current pitches and construction of a synthetic pitch with lighting to support a Soccer Centre of Excellence.
- \$3 million Ted Summerton Reserve, Moe: development of a Cricket Centre of Excellence including high quality indoor training facilities.
- **\$1.4 million** Sale and Traralgon Tennis Centres: upgrades to courts, lighting, fencing, seating and clubhouse.
- \$5 million Upgrades to 9 local reserves.

All details are subject to change as the projects are developed.

