

Media Release

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A BIGGER, BETTER SPORTS CENTRE FOR DIAMOND VALLEY

Families in Diamond Valley will be able to rely on great local sporting facilities, with a re-elected Andrews Labor Government to deliver \$8 million towards the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre.

Right now, with over 5,500 basketball players across the region and growing participation across netball, badminton, wheelchair basketball and more, local facilities are struggling to keep pace.

The project will deliver three new, indoor multi-sports courts and upgrade the changerooms, office and other amenities at the centre.

The upgraded Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre will be utilised by local sporting clubs, with the Diamond Valley Basketball Association, the Diamond Valley Netball Competition and more, all set to benefit.

With these upgrades from a re-elected Labor Government, local clubs – and this local community – will have the great sporting facilities they deserve.

This upgrade builds on the Andrews Labor Government's investments in local community sports including \$2 million for Eltham North Reserve, \$1.2 million for Eltham Central Reserve and over \$6 million for stages 1 and 2 of St Helena Secondary College Sports Precinct.

While the Liberals cut funding for hospitals and schools, and closed TAFE campuses – only Labor will invest in the projects our community really needs.

The Andrews Labor Government has made the biggest investment in grassroots sporting opportunities in Victoria's history, with \$420 million dedicated to community sports.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport John Eren

"Community sports is all about bringing people together. With this investment, we'll make Diamond Valley's sporting clubs – and local community – stronger than ever."

Quotes attributable to Member for Eltham Vicki Ward

"The terrific clubs and locals who use the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre deserve an upgrade and extra courts. Overall, Labor will be investing \$10.5 million in this stadium, creating a modern, fit-for-purpose sporting facility."

Quotes attributable to Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green

"We know that Nillumbik locals have the highest participation in sport in the state and many sports people from Whittlesea also use the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. That's why this \$8 million is so welcome and is in addition to the more than \$21 million that Nillumbik has received through the Growing Suburbs Fund for this centre and other sport and community facilities."