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A BIGGER, BETTER SPORTS PRECINCT FOR DRYSDALE

Families in Drysdale will be able to rely on great local sporting facilities, with a re-elected Andrews Labor Government to deliver \$5 million towards Stage Two of the Drysdale Sports Precinct upgrade.

Before the 2014 election, Labor committed \$3.5 million to Stage One of the project, which saw construction of a new oval, a multipurpose field, cricket practice pitches, a relocatable pavilion and lighting installation.

With this work completed in early 2018 – and local sporting groups including the Drysdale Hawks Football Club, the Drysdale Cricket Club and the Drysdale Soccer Club already benefitting – a re-elected Labor Government will kickstart the next stage of much-needed upgrades.

Stage Two will see the creation of three rectangular playing fields located alongside a new multi-use pavilion, brand new play spaces and cricket training nets, better water storage and improvements to the access roads, car park and pathways.

In addition, \$50,000 is being provided to fast-track planning on an updated masterplan to determine Stage Two and future stages.

Not only will this new build benefit these local sporting organisations, it will also provide a place for local families to share and enjoy. With these further upgrades from a re-elected Labor Government, local clubs – and this local community – will have the great local facilities they deserve.

The commitment builds on the Labor Government's investments in community sport – the biggest in Victoria's history – including \$420 million for community sport.

Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

"Having grown up in a small regional town, I know just how much the local footy and cricket club matters. With this funding, we're not just backing stronger local sporting clubs – we're backing a stronger local community."

"We funded the first stage of this fantastic project, but we know there's more to do."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport John Eren

"Whether it's the Hawks or the soccer Miniroos on a Sunday morning, we want to make sure Drysdale has the sporting facilities it needs."

"I know how hard this community fought for Stage One of this Precinct. Now, we'll kickstart the next stage."

Quotes attributable to Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville

"I have worked in close partnership with the Club to ensure the funding and building of Stage One, and am pleased we are committing funding to Stage Two and delivering \$50,000 to finalise the masterplan."

"The community have been unsuccessful in getting this critical money from Council. This will ensure there are no delays in delivering Stage Two."

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