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FACT SHEET SUPPORTING NETBALL ACROSS VICTORIA

With local clubs growing in membership, a re-elected Labor government will deliver a \$31 million netball package to support netball in Victoria.

As part of this fund, Netball Victoria will receive \$2.8 million over four years to employ four game development officers at netball hubs around the state.

In addition, we will provide over \$28 million for local netball projects across Victoria.

WHY NETBALL?

There is a lot of focus on women in sport, which is a great thing. Increasing numbers of women and girls are participating in sports like football and cricket.

However, women and girls have been playing a sport in great numbers, for many years - and that sport is netball.

It is one of the only female dominated sporting codes that you will find in Australia. The 90 year old organisation of Netball Victoria has always supported the participation of women and girls.

In 2017, 13.3 percent of girls aged under 15 years of age were reported to participate in netball out of school hours, making it the most popular team sport for this group. Peak participation for kids was between 9-11 years of age. 23.9 percent of girls played netball within this age group, the highest ranked team sport.

The data also concluded that netball was the most popular of any individual or team sport for girls aged 12-14, with 30.6 percent participating.

NETBALL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

We have announced over \$28 million of specific local infrastructure projects across the state out of this fund, all of them aimed at providing better facilities for community participation in the sport.

Projects with a particular focus on netball include:

- Murphy's Reserve, Port Melbourne - \$2 million
- Carrum Downs Recreation Reserve, Carrum Downs - \$350,000
- Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre, Greensborough - \$8 million
- Jubilee Park, Frankston - \$10 million
- Macedon Ranges Sports Precinct indoor sports courts phase, New Gisborne - \$6 million
- Waverley Netball Centre, Wheelers Hill - \$2 million

GAME DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

Game development officers help co-ordinate the growth of participation in sports in a given geographic area.

They promote the game and provide support to those volunteers who are running grass roots competitions around the state. Labor's commitment will mean Netball Victoria can employ at least four additional game development officers across the state.