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New grants to get communities moving

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck and Braddon Liberal Candidate Gavin Pearce are encouraging all community and sporting organisations to take advantage of a new grant round to get people moving.

The Move it AUS – Participation Grants Program will deliver \$28.9 million in grants to sport and physical activity providers, with a focus on groups who are at risk of inactivity and non-participation.

Senator Colbeck: “The Move it AUS campaign is part of the Liberal National Government’s Sport 2030 plan to make Australia the world’s most active, healthy nation.

“I encourage all community and sporting organisations on the West and North West Coasts and King Island to put their hand up and get involved to encourage more people to participate in sport.

“Obesity is a major cause of many of the chronic health problems faced in Tasmania, and making sport more accessible for more people is a fun and inclusive way to tackle this serious problem.”

Mr Pearce: “We know women’s sport in particular is seeing a participation boom, which is putting resourcing pressure on clubs to upgrade their facilities and field new teams in new leagues.

“Helping remote communities like King Island and the West Coast participate in sport is also a priority of mine because it improves health and brings our dispersed communities together.

“Organisations providing physical activity opportunities for people with a disability also have an excellent opportunity to attract more resources for the amazing work they do.

“Move It AUS is a great new initiative because community sport gets people off the couch, kids away from screens and brings families together and I strongly encourage eligible organisations to apply.”

Applications for the Sports Participation Grants Program close on 18 February 2019. Guidelines and details on the application process are available at www.sportaus.gov.au/participationgrants.

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