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**New Swimming Grants to get communities moving**

The Morrison Government is delivering new community swimming grants to enable or improve opportunities for people with disabilities and from diverse backgrounds to enjoy this great Aussie pastime.

Working in partnership with Swimming Australia, the Community Swimming Grants Program allows organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$10,000 and has been delivered as part of the Morrison Government's \$28.9 million Move It AUS – Participation Grants Program.

Minister for Youth and Sport Richard Colbeck said the initiative aims to make swimming as accessible as possible so more Australians could benefit from sport and physical activity.

“Swimming is a hugely popular sport in Australia, and the great thing about swimming is that it can be enjoyed by people from all walks of life, at every stage of life.

“Supporting more Australians to get more active more often is a priority for our Government and we're delighted to be working with Swimming Australia to deliver greater access to swimming and aquatic activities for up to 3,200 people through this program.

“Within this program, grants may be used to subsidise the costs associated with delivering swimming and aquatics activities such as entry fees, lane hire or membership fees.

“The Morrison Government's Sport 2030 plan is to make Australia the world's most active and healthy nation. To do that, we need to break down the barriers that limit Australians from being more active.”

The Move It AUS Participation Grant Program is already delivering 62 projects across the country to provide great new ways to get more Australians moving.

The Morrison Government has also committed \$36.1 million in the Water and Snow Safety Program for water safety initiatives by trusted organisations including Surf Life Saving Australia, Royal Life Saving Society Australia, AUSTSWIM and Laurie Lawrence Swimming Enterprises.

Swimming Australia's Chief of Sport Performance, Matthew Kennedy, said it was fantastic to be able to offer the grants through the Move it AUS campaign.

“We are aiming to increase physical activity and remove barriers to participation that will assist in getting more Australian's moving,” Kennedy said.

“These barriers can include cost, transport and language and cultural differences.

“We know physical activity delivers a range of physical and mental health benefits and has a positive flow on effect within communities.”

For more information and to apply for Swimming Australia's Community Swimming Grants Program, go to [www.swimming.org.au/community-swimming-grants](http://www.swimming.org.au/community-swimming-grants).

### **Who can apply for funding?**

Organisations with the capability to provide or facilitate the provision of swimming and aquatics activities (including but not limited to learn to swim, water safety, aquatics fitness or play and competitive swimming programs and activities).

### **Eligible organisations may include:**

- Learn to swim providers
- Aqua fitness providers
- Aquatics facilities
- Swim Clubs
- Other aquatics sport clubs (e.g. Water Polo Clubs etc.)
- Community organisations
- Charity organisations
- Councils
- Schools
- Universities
- State or Territory Sport Organisations