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Community Sport Infrastructure Grants provide boost to local sport

Minister for Youth and Sport the Hon. Richard Colbeck today visited Deloraine Community Complex where the completion of two new netball courts has been widely welcomed by the local community.

After a wait for more than a decade for new infrastructure, the centre's netball courts were funded and completed as part of the Federal Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Grants Program.

The Federal Government between 2018 and 2019 delivered 684 projects by investing more than \$100 million into the initiative.

Minister Colbeck said the grants had been vital in the delivery of provisions for grassroots sporting organisations and local communities around the country.

“Better sporting facilities build stronger, healthier communities by promoting physical activity and social connection,” Minister Colbeck said. “These grants enable more people from right across the country to get more active, more often.”

The Deloraine Community Complex secured \$50,000 under the program which contributed to the construction of two netball courts and associated facilities including fencing and lights.

The upgrade is expected to provide greater opportunity for growth in local competition.

In all, the Community Sport Infrastructure program delivered 684 projects aimed at supporting upgrades to female change room facilities, club lighting and surface upgrades to ensure safer sporting environments.

Minister Colbeck said each successful grant application was individually assessed by the Australian Sport Commission using criteria including local participation, community need and project design and delivery.

Over 2050 applications totalling nearly \$400 million were made to the program.

“The program is supporting the construction of new community infrastructure and upgrading so many sporting facilities to help support local jobs, increase participation in sport and get more Australians moving,” Minister Colbeck said.