



## Sport – Enhancing Australians’ health through sport

The Australian Government will invest \$155 million in sport, including high-profile major sporting events and sports participation programs as we embark upon the ‘green and gold decade’ culminating in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympics Games.

This significant investment also includes ongoing safeguarding of the integrity of Australian sport by providing funding for Sport Integrity Australia (SIA) to continue its critical functions.

Consistent investment in sport under the Australian Government’s National Sport Plan, *Sport 2030*, promotes a strong economy and healthy communities. The social connections provided by sport brings Australians together, contributing to improved health and wellbeing outcomes in line with the *Long Term National Health Plan*.

The Australian Government’s investment includes:

- \$10.7 million over two years to maximise social, economic and sporting outcomes from the green and gold decade of major sporting events, and leveraging significant legacy initiatives including:
  - \$2.6 million for the FIBA Women’s Basketball World Cup 2022, to increase basketball participation amongst Indigenous and culturally and linguistically diverse communities, and to implement a National Multicultural Program for basketball
  - \$4.4 million for the ICC T20 Men’s World Cup 2022, to support the implementation of a multicultural strategic framework, including participation legacy programs
  - \$3.1 million for the FIFA Women’s Football World Cup 2023, for female football participation programs including Miniroos for Girls and Football Your Way
  - \$400,000 for the World Transplant Games 2023, to promote the importance of organ and tissue donation
  - support for the delivery of the 2027 Men’s Rugby World Cup and the 2029 Women’s Rugby World Cup and related legacy programs in Australia and the Pacific region.

- \$96.2 million over four years to fund and build upon proven and successful participation programs delivered by the Australian Sports Commission that inform and increase participation in sport, including:
  - \$10.3 million over two years to continue the delivery of national sport participation programs targeted at populations currently physically inactive or individuals who have ‘dropped out’ of sport
  - \$3.4 million over four years to continue AusPlay, Australia’s national population survey, which tracks the sport and physical activity behaviours of all Australians, and identifies emerging trends such as the impact of COVID-19 on participation in sport and physical activity, and
  - \$2.8 million over four years for the ongoing development of the National Sport Injury Database, which collects and analyses required data to inform safer practices in community sport and contribute to injury prevention.
  - The Australian Government is investing \$79.6 million in the extension of the Sporting Schools program for an additional two years, to support children to be physically active and enjoy the multiple benefits of sport participation
- \$10.6 million over three years to Paralympics Australia to prepare and support the Australian Paralympic Team for the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games.
- \$27.3 million over two years to maintain the integrity of sport in Australia including:
  - \$19.8 million to enable SIA to continue ensuring sport in Australia is both safe and fair with a focus on the National Integrity Framework, anti-doping measures, anti-match-fixing regulations and education of sport participants, and
  - \$7.5 million to the WADA-accredited Australian Sports Drug Testing Laboratory (ASDTL) to conduct anti-doping sample analysis.

The Australian Government is investing \$10.3 million to promote and create leadership and long term senior career pathways for women and girls in sport including:

- \$6.3 million over three years for an expanded Women Coaches Program to identify, develop and empower more than 200 women coaches per year from grassroots to elite, and
- \$4.1 million over four years for Community Sport Leaders, to implement women’s leadership programs at the community level.

### Why is this important?

Sport and recreation is integral to Australian communities, helping to strengthen social connections, improve health outcomes and support local economies.

Australia's involvement in major sporting events will ensure the social, economic and sporting benefits of hosting major sporting events are realised for Australia and all Australians. The coming 10 years will mark the green and gold decade where Australia will play host to many of the world's most prestigious, high-profile and significant sporting events, culminating in the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Additional funding for our Paralympic Team will ensure they have the best support to prepare for and compete safely at the 2024 Paris Paralympic Games, continuing to inspire Australians to participate in sport and physical activity.

Continued funding in participation programs contributes to the Australian Government's objectives of promoting increased physical activity and participation in sport through implementation of the National Sport Plan, *Sport 2030*. This will increase physical activity, also a focus area of the *National Preventive Health Strategy*, reducing the prevalence of insufficient physical activity in children, adolescents and adults by at least 15% by 2030.

These measures will position the Australian sports sector to play a greater role in preventive health action through safe participation, increased physical activity, improved mental health and reduced obesity and chronic disease within the community.

Additionally, continued funding for SIA and the ASDTL will help meet Australia's international obligations and ensure public confidence in the ongoing protection of the integrity of Australian sporting events. Delivering integrity in sport is a significant contributor to maintaining part of Australia's fundamental ethos of a fair go.

### Who will benefit?

Hosting major sporting events in Australia has a positive effect on a large cross-section of the Australian population at both individual and community levels, including Australians with a disability, women and girls, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and Australians from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Many of the planned and proposed major sporting events also offer opportunities for significant regional engagement. SIA funding positively affects individuals and organisations at all levels of Australian sport, including all sporting participants and athletes across Australia, all national sporting organisations, wagering service providers and state and territory wagering regulators.

### How much will this cost?

The Australian Government is investing \$155 million over four years, 2022–23 to 2025–26.