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RECOVERY GRANTS FOR LOCAL ALTONA DISTRICT SPORTING CLUBS

Great news for local community clubs in the Altona District: The Victorian Government is helping Altona City Soccer Club and Point Cook Cricket Club get back to their sport.

Jill Hennessy today announced the clubs would receive funding from the Government's *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grants* program.

Altona City Soccer Club's grant will go towards new nets, wheels, crossbars on portable soccer goals and Point Cook Cricket Club's grant will go towards new cricket balls, stumps, bats, and a bowling machine for batting practice.

Each year, the Victorian Government provides funding through the *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grants* program to help clubs get back to business after being affected by disaster or criminal activity.

It provides swift, practical support to get clubs up and running again in their time of need.

The Victorian Government is working hard to give all Victorians the opportunity to play the sports they love and embrace a more active and healthy lifestyle in a COVIDSafe way.

Our Sporting Clubs Grants Program has provided more than 300 grants totalling \$614,000 to clubs, leagues and associations and other community sport and active recreation organisations that had to cancel planned events affected by the lockdowns this year across the state.

The Government has also allocated more than \$39 million to clubs, leagues, state associations and other organisations from the Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package and invested more than \$1.1 billion in community sport and active recreation infrastructure since 2014.

For more information about the *Emergency Sporting Equipment Grants* visit sport.vic.gov.au

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

"The impact of vandalism and theft on community clubs can be devastating - the hard work that goes into securing and maintaining good quality equipment and club facilities can be undone by these sorts of circumstances, so we want to make up for that and help clubs recover."

"I'm happy that both these great clubs are being supported through this important initiative."