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$6 MILLION FOR A NEW PAVILION AT ORRONG ROMANIS RESERVE

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A Wilson Coalition Government will commit $6 million towards the delivery of a new pavilion and club rooms at the Orrong Romanis Reserve in Prahran.

The overall project will replace the current clubroom, deliver proper female and junior change rooms, add kitchen and storage facilities and create a genuine community hub for local residents.

Member for Prahran Rachel Westaway and Shadow Minister for Sport Brad Battin announced the commitment at the reserve's Hickey Pavilion today, joining players, families and volunteers during training.

Orrong Romanis Reserve is home to the Toorak Prahran Cricket Club and to the Melbourne Unicorns and Melbourne Chargers rugby union clubs. The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club is the largest junior cricket club in the state. The current pavilion is substandard and dilapidated, with no change rooms for girls and women.

The new pavilion will support the full pathway from grassroots to elite sport, with a particular focus on junior and female participation. Leader of the Opposition Jess Wilson has visited the reserve and met with the cricket and rugby clubs to hear directly what they need.

The commitment is part of Rachel Westaway's plan for a fresh start for Prahran.

Comments attributable to Member for Prahran, Rachel Westaway:

"Orrong Romanis is where local children pick up a bat or a rugby ball for the first time, and where families spend their weekends. It deserves a pavilion that allows for growth."
"Sport is key to a young person's development. Without appropriate facilities, we lose the next generation to screens."

"Girls and women who play here should have the same facilities as the boys and men. Right now they do not have a change room of their own, and that is not good enough."
"The volunteers at these clubs do an outstanding job with a building that is letting them down. This $6 million commitment will give them, and the whole Prahran community, a home to be proud of."

Comments attributable to Shadow Minister for Sport, Brad Battin:

“Every sporting journey starts at a local ground like this one. The young players training here tonight are the first-grade cricketers, Wallaroos and sporting stars of the future.”

“When girls turn up to play, they deserve facilities that make them feel welcome, included and supported. Having a proper space to change is a basic part of that, and a Liberal and Nationals Government will deliver it at Orrong Romanis.”

Comments attributable to Neil Gumley, President, Toorak Prahran Cricket Club:
"This is tremendous news for our players, families and volunteers. Cricket and rugby share this reserve, and our two clubs have worked side by side to make the case for facilities that match the growth in junior and female participation. Proper change rooms for girls and women are long overdue, and we warmly welcome this commitment."

Comments attributable to Michelle Iezzi, President, Melbourne Rugby Union Football Club:
"Our two clubs came together with one voice, and that partnership has been central to securing this commitment. A new pavilion will give our juniors, our women's teams and the wider community a home they can be proud of. We welcome the commitment and thank Rachel for her support."