



# Media release

**The Hon Dr Denis Naphine MP**

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## **Frankston basketball to grow from \$2.5 million Coalition Government investment**

- **\$2.5 million for Frankston Basketball Stadium development**
- **Expansion to cater for more than local basketball 700 teams**
- **Naphine Government building a more active Victoria**

Basketball in Frankston is set to grow even further after \$2.5 million of Coalition Government funding was announced today to kick start the redevelopment of the Frankston Basketball Stadium.

Premier Denis Naphine today joined Member for Carrum Donna Bauer and Liberal candidate for Frankston Sean Armistead at the stadium to announce the funding that will kick-start the \$13 million project.

“Basketball has huge participation numbers in Frankston with more than 700 junior and senior teams,” Dr Naphine said.

“There are approximately 750,000 visits to the stadium each year and these numbers keep growing.

“The stadium cannot cater for any more players, so to give children the chance to play the sport they love and get active, it’s a priority that we invest in this project that will benefit so many in Frankston and the surrounding regions,” Dr Naphine said.

The project will increase the number of courts from 6 to 10, including a show court with retractable seating enabling major regional and national basketball events to be held in Frankston.

Ms Bauer said that as well as providing opportunity for major events, this investment ensures the quality of local facilities will be better than ever.

“The stadium is bursting at the seams, which is a good thing for the health and wellbeing of our community because it shows that our young boys and girls are leading healthy lifestyles,” Ms Bauer said.

Mr Armistead said that in addition to the extra courts, there will also be new change room facilities and spectators amenities, a high performance training facility and meeting spaces for community groups.

“Frankston has a proud basketball history. Its great participation numbers are reflected at the elite level with Frankston basketball products David Andersen and Ryan Broekhoff recently representing Australia at the World Cup of Basketball in Spain,” Mr Amistead said.

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