

# Media Release

**The Hon John Eren MP**

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## LABOR SHOOTING GOALS FOR SPORT IN DAREBIN

Darebin netballers are celebrating the opening of five new courts at JC Donath Reserve and JE Moore Park.

Minister for Sport John Eren joined Member for Preston Robin Scott today to officially open the courts, funded through the Andrews Labor Government's *Inner City Netball Program*.

All the new courts will have competition standard lighting – which gives local clubs greater flexibility to schedule more training sessions and matches.

For the West Preston Lakeside Football Netball Club, the two new courts at JE Moore Park will significantly improve their facilities and allow them to cater for growing membership.

The three new courts at JC Donath Reserve will provide more opportunities for budding junior players to try their skills with a new NetSetGo program, and add new teams to the growing Darebin Netball Association.

The new courts are much needed, with population growth in recent years leading to a shortage of court space.

There are 23 more courts on track to be built in Darebin, including two at Northcote High School, three at Darebin Community Sports Centre, one at Fairfield Primary School, six at Thornbury High School and two at Reservoir High School.

Mr Eren also announced funding to start design work for four new outdoor netball courts at John Cain Memorial Park, where new 200 lux lighting was unveiled today.

The lighting upgrade was delivered thanks to a \$100,000 grant from the Labor Government's *Community Sports Infrastructure Fund*, providing a major boost to the Northcote City Football Club and its growing membership.

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport John Eren

*"We promised to build more netball courts and we're delivering – giving the community the space they need to grow their clubs and welcome more members than ever before."*

*"These new courts – and more in the pipeline – will give grassroots clubs the facilities they need to grow and bring more people together."*

### Quote attributable to Member for Preston Robin Scott

*"The bright new lights at John Cain Memorial Park will help local clubs field more teams and train for longer to keep on top of their rivals."*