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Andrews Government Goes Into Bat For Local Cricket Clubs.

The Member for Ivanhoe, Anthony Carbines, announced that Ivanhoe Cricket Club and Bellfield Cricket Club are two of 61 clubs across Victoria sharing in \$153,000 funding as part of the Community Cricket Program: On Common Ground. The Andrews Government is partnering with Cricket Victoria and Cricket Australia to deliver the grants. The Government is giving these local Cricket Clubs the tools and resources they need to help maintain Victoria's title as the cricket capital.

Mr Carbines announced that Ivanhoe Cricket Club would receive a \$2650 grant for the upgrading and repair of cricket training facilities including netting, synthetic turf and synthetic pitch lanes, and that Bellfield Cricket Club would receive a \$1600 grant for the participation of eight club members in Victoria's coaching, umpiring and pace bowling training courses.

The program is creating renewed opportunities for all Victorians to pick up a bat or ball and enjoy Australia's national summer pastime. Victorians love their cricket, regularly filling the MCG or Etihad Stadium at KFC Big Bash clashes, while the Boxing Day Test is one of the iconic dates on our sporting calendar.

The 61 grants will help clubs complete important facility upgrades, purchase the latest equipment, or deliver programs that help players, coaches and umpires thrive.

More than 320,000 Victorians play a form of cricket. That's why the Andrews Labor Government is committed to growing the game all over the State. The Government has committed \$25 million towards building the Victorian Cricket and Community Centre at Junction Oval, to give our First Class cricketers the base they deserve.

Quotes attributable to the Member for Ivanhoe, Anthony Carbines:

"Ivanhoe and Bellfield are great places to learn the game and forge a career. We're giving these clubs a boost, so they can continue to grow."

"With investments like these, a future star of the international arena just might be a product of Ivanhoe or Bellfield Cricket Clubs."

Quotes attributable to Minister for Sport, John Eren

"We're going in to bat for grassroots clubs, because we know Victorians just love their cricket."

"Our clubs work really hard to ensure thousands of Victorians enjoy our national summer pastime each week. We're helping those clubs reach for the skies."