

# Media Release

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## **HENKEL SCORES A \$750 ATHLETE PATHWAYS TRAVEL GRANT**

Ben Henkel will be able to compete against the best of best thanks to a \$750 Andrews Labor Government funding boost.

Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville today announced that Ben was one of 179 successful applicants from 50 different sports to share in \$269,000 from the latest round of the *Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program*.

Athletes, coaches and officials often need to travel long distances to competitions or training camps to reach their potential, and we are helping them to remove the cost barrier of travel and accommodation.

With this funding, state sporting associations and community clubs can now support athletes, coaches, teams, and officials to attend important regional, statewide, national and international training camps or competitions.

From the latest round, 39 state sporting associations and 140 sporting clubs are receiving support for developing Victorian athletes and others engaged in sport and active recreation to maximise their potential and opportunities to participate.

The *Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program* is part of our commitment to make sport more accessible and inclusive, increase local participation, stimulate local economies, and create new jobs and volunteer opportunities.

For more information visit [www.sport.vic.gov.au](http://www.sport.vic.gov.au)

### **Quotes attributable to Lisa Neville**

*"We here in on the Bellarine are proud of our local sports champions. Congratulations to Ben from the Curlewis Golf Club.*

*"The cost of travel and a place to stay can be a barrier for emerging young athletes who aspire for greatness."*

*"These grants go a long way to ensuring our next generation of champions, whatever their ability or background, get the chance to take their skills to the next level and reach their potential."*

*"I encourage other local athletes, coaches, officials and teams to follow in their footsteps by applying online for the next round of Athlete Pathway Travel Grants Program."*