

# Media Release

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## FUNDING BOOST FOR THE MIGHTY FRANKSTON DOLPHINS

The mighty Frankston Dolphins will have the facilities they need to train, win and grow, with the Andrews Labor Government announcing a major upgrade to SkyBus Stadium in Frankston.

Premier Daniel Andrews joined players and fans at the first Victorian Football League (VFL) match for the Frankston Dolphins in two years to announce the funding and celebrate the club's return to competitive footy.

The Labor Government will contribute \$700,000 in the *Victorian Budget 2018/19* towards the installation of broadcast standard lighting and the upgrade of interchange benches.

The new lighting will allow the club to train and play games at night, as well as making it possible to broadcast VFL matches.

The Frankston Dolphins are one of the oldest football clubs in Victoria – formed more than 130 years ago – and remain a cornerstone of the local community, with 19 teams and more than 1,200 members.

When the future of the Frankston Dolphins was at risk the Labor Government stepped in – helping them with their debt and supporting the club as they worked through administrative and financial issues.

After two years off the park, the club will today play its first VFL game for the 2018 season against Essendon.

The lighting upgrade will also pave the way for SkyBus Stadium to host AFLW broadcast matches in the future, which will promote Frankston across the nation.

Frankston City Council will also provide funding to support the upgrades at SkyBus Stadium.

The Labor Government has invested more than \$740 million in sporting facilities and infrastructure across Victoria – from grassroots clubs to elite competition.

### Quotes attributable to Premier Daniel Andrews

*“The Dolphins are a proud part of Victoria’s football history and a cornerstone of this community – this funding will ensure they have the facilities they need to train, win and grow.”*

*“The Dolphins are Frankston, through and through. With this investment, we’re backing the club and the community.”*

### Quotes attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

*“This investment will help strengthen our club and our community – building success on and off the field.”*

*“It’s great to see the players back out there, and I’m looking forward to cheering on the mighty Dolphins this season.”*