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## **Equality starts locally - New training & grants for sporting clubs**

Gannawarra Local Agency Meeting (GLAM) is thrilled to be working alongside local sporting clubs to champion gender equality. GLAM is a partnership between Northern District Community Health (NDCH), Gannawarra Shire Council, Kerang District Hospital, Cohuna District Health, Mallee District Aboriginal Services (MDAS), Victoria Police, Mallee Family Care, Murray Primary Health Network and Southern Mallee Prevention and Population Health team.

GLAM has joined forces with Mallee Family Violence Executive to provide 10 sporting clubs in Gannawarra with \$500 grants to create inclusive sporting environments for women and girls. The grants will assist local clubs to improve the promotion, participation and/or leadership opportunities for women and girls within the sporting club.

“The initiative is a great way to create environments where women feel safe, valued and welcomed to participate equally,” NDCH CEO Mandy Hutchinson said. “Sporting clubs are in a unique position to influence attitudes and behaviours towards women and girls.”

Examples of projects that may get funding include:

- Bring your friend/sister day to try out the sport
- Hold a women and girls sport round e.g. all team members wear pink socks
- Training and leadership opportunities specifically aimed and offered to women and girls
- Profiling women and girls within your club
- Encouraging messaging targeted to recruit and retain women and girls displayed at the club
- Installing adequate lighting in and around the facility so women and girls feel safe at night

Examples of projects that will not get funding are any activities that are NOT alcohol and drug free and DO NOT encourage ‘all abilities’. Applications are due by Thursday 30th June 2022, and if successful funds are to be spent by Friday 28th October 2022.

Sporting Clubs can learn more about this initiative by contacting Health Promotion Worker Rachel Brooks on 5451 0200 or [rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au](mailto:rachel.brooks@ndch.org.au) or by visiting the NDCH Facebook page.

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# SUPPORTING WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

ACTIVATION GRANTS

**10 X \$500**

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE 30/06/22**

**Demi Greenwood**  
(Bendigo Pioneers player)

