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Lakes Entrance Indoor Stadium

Supporting families and young people through participation, improving health and wellbeing, and creating economic opportunities through strategic infrastructure.

Why Lakes Entrance needs new courts

The Lakes Entrance Indoor Stadium will deliver a modern three-court multi-use facility adjacent to the Lakes Entrance Aquadome, creating a central hub for sport, recreation and community events.

The project will increase participation in physical activity, strengthen community connection, and enable the region to host larger tournaments and events that support the local economy.

Basketball alone has 550+ local participants through the Lakes Entrance Amateur Basketball Association, yet the sport operates from a single-court facility and overflows into school gyms.

A new three-court stadium will unlock more year-round participation for clubs, schools and community groups, reduce overcrowding on the existing ageing/non-compliant court, and create a central hub alongside the Aquadome for sport, recreation and community events.

The project is shovel ready with design supported by a \$900,000 Victorian Government grant.

Our community is asking for

- \$9 million Victorian Government funding.
- The Victorian Government to partner in delivering the build with the Commonwealth Government and Council.

Background

The project will provide a modern indoor sporting and community facility for Lakes Entrance and surrounding East Gippsland communities. Thousands of residents across the district would gain improved access to indoor sporting and social activities, particularly young people and families.

The facility would allow clubs to expand participation and host regional tournaments that bring visitors and linked economic activity.

Capacity pressures on the existing one court mean basketball participation levels are limited and programs can run late into the evening. The lack of adequate indoor



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court space also limits the growth of other sports like netball and volleyball and prevents Lakes Entrance from hosting larger competitions.

The proposed three-court stadium adjacent to the Aquadome will create a shared sporting hub. A community project reference group is established and designs for the new stadium is well progressed.

The project aligns with current Victorian Government's stated priorities around community sport participation, regional health and wellbeing, and local infrastructure investment. It also supports objectives within the Victorian Sport and Active Recreation Strategy.

The new stadium is also a priority project for the town's business and sporting groups.

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