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ADF welcomes continued Australian Government funding for Good Sports

The Alcohol and Drug Foundation (ADF) welcomes continued Australian Government funding for the Good Sports program.

Around 9,500 Australian sporting clubs are set to benefit from the two-year investment of \$10 million, which was announced in the Australian Government's 2018 budget.

Good Sports currently works with more than 8,000 sporting clubs nation-wide to help prevent and reduce harms from alcohol and other drugs.

The program offers clubs the support they need to implement policies around alcohol management, smoking, illegal drugs, safe transport and in some states healthy eating and mental health.

Yesterday's funding extension announcement will ensure existing sporting clubs continue to reap the rewards of the program, as well as new sporting clubs.

"Further funding into the Good Sports program means more sporting communities across the country will have the support they need to reduce alcohol and drug-related harms," said Dr Erin Lalor, Chief Executive Officer at the Alcohol and Drug Foundation.

"Sporting clubs are a snapshot of society, and because alcohol and illegal drug use can affect all areas of society, no club is immune. Good Sports encourages systemic changes in club culture to promote long-term positive health outcomes," Dr Erin Lalor added.

For more information about Good Sports, please go to <http://goodsports.com.au>

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About Good Sports: Federally Funded by the Australian Government, Good Sports works with local sporting clubs to build a healthier sporting nation. More than 8,000 clubs across Australia are taking part in this three-tier accreditation program that provides resources and training to help create healthy and safe environments, where club members look out for one another in the areas of: alcohol management, safe transport, illegal drugs and in some states, mental health support and nutrition. The outcome is stronger clubs with a healthier membership base that attract even more members, more passionate supporters and greater contributions from sponsors. This means healthier club revenue and healthier communities.

About the Alcohol and Drug Foundation: Celebrating almost 60 years of service to the community, the Alcohol and Drug Foundation is one of Australia's leading bodies committed to preventing alcohol and other drug harms in communities around the nation. The Foundation reaches millions of Australians in local communities through sporting clubs, workplaces, health care settings and schools, offering educational information, drug and alcohol prevention programs and advocating for strong and healthy communities.