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Marcus Vermey MP
Liberal Member for Clark
via Clerk of the House of Assembly
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Dear Mr Vermey

Thank you for your question in Parliament on 20 May 2026 on behalf of your constituents who wish to participate in sport and active recreation, noting the impact of cost of living pressures. I certainly acknowledged that these pressures can impact whether individuals stay involved or whether families can provide their children with the opportunity to participate in sport or related activities.

That is why this Government has continued to support both older and younger Tasmanians to remain connected to their local sporting clubs. For older Tasmanians, we do this through the Ticket to Wellbeing program. I am very pleased to confirm this highly popular program has been extended for a further two years. We have also significantly increased funding from the original allocation of \$500,000 per year to \$1.8 million per year. This increase will enable even more older Tasmanians to take advantage of the program and remain active and socially connected.

In addition, we are investing \$4 million over the next 3 years into the Ticket to Play program and have expanded the program eligibility to include applicants who receive Family Tax Benefit A. This initiative provides young Tasmanians with two \$100 vouchers to help cover the costs associated with participating in their chosen sport. The most recent round of the program was the most successful since its inception in 2019. This is great news, as it means more Tasmanian children are participating in sport through the Ticket to Play program than ever before, with soccer being the largest redeemer of vouchers. Almost 9,300 young people have signed up so far to the 2025-26 round.

Together, these programs are making a real difference, giving more Tasmanians the opportunity to stay active, connected, and engaged through sport and recreation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nick Duigan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC
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