

Media Release

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POPULAR DINING AND ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAM RETURNS

The Andrews Labor Government is making dining and entertainment more affordable for Victorians no matter where they live so they can eat, play and get cash back.

The Labor Government's popular *Victorian Dining and Entertainment Program – Eat, Play, Cash Back* is now live, saving Victorians money on restaurant meals, live gigs and museum visits over spring and summer while supporting hardworking businesses.

The Program, open from today, allows customers to claim 25 per cent cash back when they spend \$40 or more enjoying the best our state has to offer.

Eligible purchases include meals at restaurants, cafes and pubs, tickets to live music or art performances, and entries into museums, galleries and amusement parks.

Customers can claim up to \$125 cash back each and make multiple claims until they reach the cap.

The first round of the Program was launched in March this year and saw more than \$32 million claimed in three months, with Hai Dai Lao, Dumpling Alley and Shanghai Red the most popular dining venues.

Trips to the cinema and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child at the Princess Theatre were the most popular entertainment choices.

The \$25 million dollar Program is part of the Government's \$200 million *Victorian Business Stimulus Package* supporting local businesses and jobs and runs until 16 December 2022 or when funds are exhausted.

For more information and to make a claim visit vic.gov.au/dining-entertainment.

Quotes attributable to the Minister for Industry Support and Recovery Ben Carroll

"Whether it's booking a table for lunch or heading to a live music event, this cash-back program puts money back into people's pockets and supports hardworking businesses across Victoria."

"This program also helps build business and consumer confidence, while supporting jobs and boosting the state's economy."

Quote attributable to the Minister for Sport, Tourism and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos

"With a blockbuster summer of major events upon us, we're providing Victorians even more reasons to get out and enjoy everything the state has to offer – while saving money and supporting local businesses."

Quote attributable to Lux Foundry Owner Daniel Amato

"We welcome the return of the program, there are many businesses that will benefit from this boost. The news is timely as we head into the school holidays, and we look forward to seeing more Victorians out enjoying a meal with their family and friends."

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