

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING VICTORIANS WITH A DISABILITY

The Allan Labor Government and the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) are supporting severely injured Victorians and people with a disability through a new round of grants.

Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC Danny Pearson today visited All Things Equal, a cafe and social enterprise in Balaclava which will receive \$50,000 to deliver a pilot pre-employment program for Victorians with disability looking to work in hospitality.

Entering a hospitality workplace can be particularly challenging for people with a disability, with staff required to manage a range of social and technical skills under significant time pressure. All Things Equal will design a program to bridge the gap between vocational service providers and hospitality workplaces.

All Things Equal will share lessons from its pilot program with the TAC and the hospitality sector, improving the workplace experience for people living with a disability right across the state.

The TAC Small Grants Program offers funding of up to \$50,000 to innovative community-based projects that make a positive change in the lives of Victorians impacted by transport accidents and living with a disability.

The program invites organisations and individuals to apply for funding for projects that improve health and wellbeing, social and community connectedness and participation, independent living, safety and resilience.

This round of grants is also supporting the production of a short film by Back to Back Theatre Inc that uses the skills of people with a disability. A public viewing of the film will be held at the Australian Centre for the Moving Image and throughout Geelong Design Week.

The Sonicrats will receive a grant to put on music-making workshops that help people with a disability express themselves creatively – regardless of physical limitations.

For more information on the TAC Small Grants Program, visit: [tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac](https://tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for WorkSafe and the TAC Danny Pearson

*“All Things Equal does a fantastic job supporting Victorians with a disability – as well as serving great food and coffee – and we’re proud to help them with their work through this grant.”*

*“By supporting projects like All Things Equal’s pilot program, we’re empowering Victorians impacted by transport accidents and living with a disability to return to work and participate in their community.”*

### Quote attributable to Member for Southern Metropolitan Ryan Batchelor

*“This \$50,000 grant will help All Things Equal build on their work, providing more support for people with a disability in our community to connect with each other and build the skills they need to work in hospitality.”*

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**Quote attributable to Transport Accident Commission CEO Tracey Slatter**

*“The Small Grants Program is a prime example of the way in which TAC works at grassroots level to provide TAC clients and people with a disability, their families, carers and service providers with the skills and support they need.”*