

Media Release

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BACKING LOCAL COUNCILS TO PROTECT VULNERABLE ROAD USERS

Labor has announced the latest recipients of the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) with a further \$2.4 million to help councils make local roads safer.

Bayside City Council will receive funding to build five wombat crossings and lower speed limits at a Brighton roundabout to improve safety for drivers and pedestrians.

The Shire of Murrindindi will upgrade a crossing in Grant Street, Alexandra with a raised pedestrian crossing to improve safety, visibility and accessibility in the town centre.

All funded projects have adopted one of the four focus areas of the 'Safe System' approach to road safety: safe roads and roadsides, vehicle safety, safe travel speeds and safe road users.

The LGGP provides funding to projects that support the goals of the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 and help prevent death and injuries on local roads, particularly among pedestrians and cyclists.

Pedestrians and cyclists remain Victoria's most vulnerable road users. In 2025, 52 pedestrians and nine cyclists lost their lives on the state's roads. In 2024-25, 583 pedestrians and 391 cyclists were hospitalised as the result of a crash.

For a full list of 2025 grant recipients and details on the program, visit the TAC website tac.vic.gov.au/local-government-grants.

The 2026 TAC Local Government Grant Program will open for applications in June 2026.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne

"The Local Government Grants program is vital to protecting our most vulnerable road users, investing in local projects that will keep pedestrians and cyclists safe."

"Councils are best placed to identify and address opportunities to improve safety on local roads, and this program is an excellent example of local and state government collaborating to protect communities across Victoria."

Quote attributable Member for Southern Metropolitan Ryan Batchelor

"These grants are a vital investment in keeping our community safe - by supporting councils to build safer crossings, lower speed limits and improve visibility, we're protecting the people who walk, ride and drive on our local roads every day."