



## TAPPING INTO VICTORIAN CRAFT PRODUCE IN MILL PARK

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The Andrews Labor Government is backing Northern Victoria's small-scale and craft producers to grow – creating new jobs and attracting more visitors from interstate and overseas to enjoy our locally-made food, beer and spirits.

The State Labor Government today launched the \$10 million Small-Scale and Craft Program, encouraging all small-scale producers across Victoria to apply.

Two streams of funding are available under the new program:

- **Stream One – Small-scale and Craft Business Development:** Grants up to \$25,000 are available to eligible small-scale and craft producers for projects that support businesses to scale up, expand their operations and diversify their products – with applications closing on 6 December.
- **Stream Two – Job Creation and Economic Development:** Grants of \$25,000-\$200,000 will go to eligible small scale and craft agribusinesses for significant projects that will deliver benefits to the community and generate jobs. Projects involving multiple businesses are encouraged to submit Expressions of Interest, which close on 31 December.

This new program follows on from the successful Artisanal Sector Program, which delivered grants to businesses in Victoria's highly valued and diverse artisanal produce sector, helping them grow production and take their local produce to the world.

Victoria is renowned for its premium produce and the Government is proud to support agricultural businesses that not only provide unique specialty produce, but create jobs, attract tourism and ensure regional communities are vibrant destinations to live and visit.

To find out more about the program, eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/artisanal-agriculture](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/agriculture/food-and-fibre-industries/artisanal-agriculture).

### Quotes attributable to Member for Mill Park, Lily D' Ambrosio

*"Victoria's small-scale and craft producers have enormous potential to take the state's phenomenal produce to the world – we're backing their expansions, job creation and new products."*

*"If you're one of Victoria's unique, small-scale food, craft beer or spirit producers, I encourage you to apply for a grant – and if you're a Victorian who loves good food and drink, get out and support our stellar local producers."*



