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**ROVE CONCEPTS PTY LTD TO SHARE IN \$66 MILLION FOR
COOPERATIVE RESEARCH**

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Dunkley's very own Rove Concepts PTY LTD is set for a significant boost with funding through the **Albanese Government's Cooperative Research Centres Projects (CRC-P) grants**.

Under Round 18 of the program, **Rove Concepts PTY LTD has been granted \$1.5 million for its Australian Design, Manufacturing and Automation of Advanced Wheelchairs project**.

Rove Concepts PTY LTD is **one of 27 projects sharing in \$66 million** through the latest round, which prioritised robotics and technical elevation projects and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations.

A significant number of the applicants from this round employed Artificial Intelligence (AI) in their projects, highlighting this technology's growing role in boosting productivity and delivering tangible benefits for Australians.

Rove Concept designs and manufactures highly customisable wheelchairs using aerospace-grade titanium and advanced 3D printing. Unlike imported models with long wait times and limited customisation, Rove's innovative approach enhances fit, function, and independence while redefining mobility aids for everyday high-performance use. In collaboration with Swinburne University, Titanium3D, Total Access, and Dylan Alcott Foundation

Round 19 of the CRC-P grants program opens 18 March 2026, with eligible partnerships encouraged to apply for up to \$3 million for projects with a focus on artificial intelligence that develop or enhance AI systems and technologies.

In late 2025, the Government released the National AI Plan, a comprehensive roadmap to build an AI-enabled economy that harnesses the full potential of artificial intelligence for the benefit of all Australians.

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A key aspect of the Albanese Government's plan is to support the growth and commercialisation of AI solutions made in Australia – the launch of this 'AI Accelerator' CRC-P funding round will help turn innovative Aussie ideas from local businesses and researchers into real-world solutions.

The National AI Plan complements the Government's broader efforts to revitalise Australian industry, create high-value jobs and ensure that the benefits of technological progress are realised here at home.

For more information on the CRC-P Program and a full list of successful Round 18 CRC-Ps, visit www.business.gov.au/crc-p

Quotes attributable to Jodie Belyea MP:

"I'm so pleased to see Rove Concepts PTY LTD recognised for their Australian Design, Manufacturing and Automation of Advanced Wheelchairs project, which has huge potential to achieve scale local production, develop three next-gen wheelchair models, integrating cutting-edge materials, robotic assembly and automation. The user-led design will deliver clinical impact and global outreach, positioning Australia as a leader in advanced assistive mobility and deliver significant benefits for our local economy here in Dunkley at the same time.

"The CRC Program was launched by the Hawke Labor Government in 1990, and the Albanese Government is proud to continue backing Australian ingenuity and jobs to secure a stronger and more competitive future."