

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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## **Activ customer and barista in training, Anthony Lucas, supporting his local community at Holy Grail Op Shop and Café in Middle Swan**

Activ customer Anthony Lucas, who lives with disability, is achieving greater independence while giving back to his local community through his volunteer work placement at local op shop and café, Holy Grail.

Anthony was seeking an opportunity to learn new skills and work towards his employment goal of being a barista, and had applied for several jobs in the open job market, to no response.

Activ staff supported Anthony to update his resume and approach the op shop and café, to ask if they would consider taking Anthony on as a volunteer, as well as supporting Anthony to learn how to be a barista.

Holy Grail were delighted to welcome Anthony to their team in December last year, and Anthony is so far loving the experience.

“Currently, I’m doing general retail tasks, including sorting out clothes and donations, but I’m also working towards learning how to use the coffee machine,” said Anthony.

“I am loving working there. I am working with good people, and getting free coffee!” said Anthony.

Anthony’s work experience has not only been valuable in refining skills he has developed at previous jobs, but it has also provided him with the opportunity to learn new skills to broaden his employment opportunities in the future.

Anthony’s team leader at Activ, Paula Whittam, and his support staff, continue to encourage Anthony and have seen growth in his independence and confidence since beginning the work placement.

“Anthony has shown he can consistently get ready and be off to work on time, and he has been so much happier since starting work at Holy Grail,” said Paula.

Growing in confidence, Anthony now independently catches an Uber to his volunteer placement, a valuable skill that will open doors for Anthony to continue kicking goals on his journey to being barista.

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## **About Activ**

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