



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Gippsland based consultancy, AML Advisory, selected for ground-breaking robotics pilot to make small and medium sized workplaces safer.**

Autonomous Mobile Robots (AMRs) are the feature of a WorkSafe Victoria pilot programme set to commence in Gippsland. The pilot is designed to gather data across three sites regarding the effectiveness of AMRs in reducing the risks associated with hazardous manual handling processes in manufacturing. In addition to improved safety, industry can achieve productivity and efficiency gains through the adoption of new technologies and thereby improve overall business practices. The three businesses engaged as participant sites for the pilot are Elite Pack (Drouin), Village Dairy (Traralgon East) and Bulmer Farms (Lindenow).

WorkSafe Victoria has selected AML Advisory to lead a team of small and medium sized Gippsland manufacturers to deliver the pilot, which aims to make workplaces safer by using new technology to eliminate or reduce the risk of injury to workers.

AML Advisory Managing Director, Alan Jones, said the selection of AML was a vote of confidence in the company and the businesses in the Gippsland region to deliver the pilot objectives.

“This is an exciting opportunity to demonstrate Gippsland’s ability to innovate its business practices and provide all Victorian SMEs with an evidence-based trial to deliver greater protection for Victorian workers from injuries arising from hazardous manual handling,” he said.

Mr Jones said it also demonstrated a clear vision for the businesses involved to embrace technology that would enhance safety as well as lead to increased productivity.

“The pilot is designed to eliminate risks in hazardous manual handling tasks that often are also Dirty, Dangerous and Dull,” he said. “It is anticipated the AMR pilot will be a productivity catalyst and create a safer workplace environment for the Gippsland SMEs that will be involved.”

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