Geelong Regional Makeathon

TOM: Melbourne are currently seeking Need-Knowers (individuals living with disability, support workers, family members, health professionals or anyone with an intimate understanding of a neglected need) to submit a challenge they face relating to a **sport or physical activity**. Need-Knowers will be placed into teams with Makers (professional and tertiary student engineers, designers, allied health professionals, etc.) and together you will develop a solution to your challenge.

Key Sessions:  
- PreTOM (6-8pm, 1 March) **Online session via Zoom**  
- Design Night 1 (6-8pm, 8 March) **Online session via Zoom**

- Design Night 2 (6-8pm, 15 March) **Online session via Zoom**- Makeathon Weekend (9am-5pm, 25th & 26th March) **In-person event at Geelong Tech School**

- Showcase (6-8pm, 26th March) **In-person event at Geelong Tech School**

- TOM2.0 (9am-5pm, 1 April) **In-person event at Geelong Tech School**

PLEASE NOTE: Whilst it is our aim is to ensure each team has the best possible chance of developing a solution that the Need-Knower can continue to use after the program, we cannot guarantee Need-Knowers will receive a working prototype solution.

Unfortunately, not all Challenges we receive can be accepted for the Makeathon due to limited resources. In order to help you find a solution to your challenge, we have a partnership with Solve Disability Solutions. Therefore, by completing this form you give permission for TOM: Melbourne to share your challenge application (and the information stored within it) with Solve Disability Solutions. We may also suggest your application be put forward for our TOM @ University program if we believe your Challenge could be solved in this program instead (https://www.tommelbourne.org/tom-at-university).

You will be notified by TOM: Melbourne as to whether your application has been accepted for the Makeathon, referred to Solve Disability Solutions for further review, or will be considered for our TOM @ University program.

This is a FREE event and you do NOT need to be eligible or registered with the NDIS to access TOM: Melbourne services/events.

Questions? Please contact [info@tommelbourne.com.au](mailto:info@tommelbourne.com.au) with the subject "Regional Makeathon"

# Participant Details

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| Full Name |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |
| Date of Birth |  |
| Gender |  |
| Postal Address |  |
| Are you fully vaccinated for COVID-19? (Yes / No) |  |
| Do you have any cultural or religious requirements that TOM needs to be aware of? If yes, please describe. |  |

# Challenge Details

*Please check x in the box next to your answer where necessary*

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| What is your connection to the challenge? |  | I am the Need-Knower (person with disability) |
|  | I am the Need-Knower's support worker |
|  | I am a family member of the Need-Knower |
|  | I work in disability services or allied health |
|  | Other: please describe |
| Please describe the disability |  | |
| Please provide an in-depth description of the Challenge you would like to submit.  *How does it impact your day-to-day life? Be sure to mention all the mains points or requirements you would like to include. NOTE: at this stage we are not looking for solutions but rather for a good definition of your needs! We know this is not easy, (we often do this ourselves) but please try to describe the challenge and not suggest solutions.* |  | |
| Please upload/attach any relevant media files that help describe your challenge.  *(e.g. photo/video describing the challenge or other relevant files)* |  | |

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| Have you tried to use any existing products or devices off the market? If so, why didn't that product/device work for you? |  | |
| Have you tried to solve this Challenge via other means or through another organisation? If so, how and which organisation? |  | |
| Do you have a support worker that you work with? |  | No |
|  | Yes: please include name and contact details |
| Do you have an affiliation with a disability organisation? |  | No |
|  | Yes: please specify |
|  | Prefer not to say |

# Event Participation

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| Have you participated in a TOM program before? |  | Yes – Makeathon  (Which year/team?) |
|  | Yes – TOM @ University |
|  | Yes – TOM @ Schools |
|  | No |
| Do you need any support to participate in this program? Please indicate if you have any accessibility needs.  *e.g. wheelchair access, straws, bathroom hoist etc.* |  | |
| Do you have any allergies or dietary requirements?  *Please select all applicable* |  | None |
|  | Coeliac/gluten free |
|  | Diary free |
|  | Halal |
|  | Kosher |
|  | Vegan |
|  | Vegetarian |
|  | Other: please describe |

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| How did you find out about TOM: Melbourne? |  | I am a previous participant of a TOM Program |
|  | Word of mouth |
|  | Facebook |
|  | Instagram |
|  | LinkedIn |
|  | TOM Team Member |
|  | Sony Camps |
|  | TOM Newsletter |
|  | Solve - TAD |
|  | Geelong Tech School |
|  | Other: please list |
| I consent to being filmed and photographed |  | Yes |
|  | No |
| What is your T-shirt size? |  | Small |
|  | Medium |
|  | Large |
|  | Extra large |
| Is there anything else you would like us to know? |  | |

Please send a completed copy of this application to [info@tommelbourne.com.au](mailto:info@tommelbourne.com.au)

Thank you for submitting a challenge for the Makeathon!