

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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As we round off another week in hibernation it is pleasing to see rates of infection starting to ease. However, we all need to remember that now is not the time to relax those measures which are clearly working.

Included in this edition is the latest media statement from the Prime Minister about forward planning measures that are required for when we start to come out of hibernation.

There are details on a webinar where Ted O'Brien, Federal Member for Fairfax will answer business specific questions relating to the Federal Governments Stimulus Package. This webinar is a joint venture between [RDASC](#) and the [Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance](#).

There are also some FAQ's supplied by the ATO, details on free courses being offered by TAFE and more Fact Sheets on funding for specific industries.

Also included are the latest updates from both councils.



Update on coronavirus measures Media Statement - 16 March 2020

Read the most recent media statement on the forward planning framework [here](#).

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WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL
10AM- 11AM VIA ZOOM

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Webinar with Ted O'Brien, Federal Member for Fairfax

There are many sole traders and small to medium-sized businesses that still have many questions about the Federal Governments stimulus package.

RDASC and the Sunshine Coast Chamber Alliance have invited Ted O'Brien, Federal Member for Fairfax, to join us for a webinar next Wednesday where he will answer questions relating to this package.

To register please email your details and any questions you would like answered to

info@sunshinecoastchamberalliance.com.au. An invitation will then be sent to you to join the webinar next week.

FAQ's - JobKeeper Payment



ATO - COVID-19 FAQ's

This information answers some common tax and super questions about COVID-19.

FAQ's



Free online TAFE courses

Assistance Package, @TAFE Queensland is providing free online courses in key skill areas emerging as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Access online skill sets and micro-credentials in food service, community care, health support, customer engagement, digital literacy and cyber security.

Use your downtime to upskill with short-term, fee-free courses for eligible Queenslanders.

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Quick Links

Information on how the Australian Government's economic response could support you can be found in the following fact sheets. These fact sheets are updated regularly.



Income support for individuals

The Government is providing support for individuals to assist them during the next six months.

[Read More](#)



Supporting businesses to retain jobs

The JobKeeper Payment is designed to help businesses affected the Coronavirus to cover the costs of their employees' wages, so that more employees can retain their job and continue to earn an income.

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Support for not-for-profit organisations

The Government is providing vital support for not-for-profits (NFPs) to withstand the economic impacts of the Coronavirus.

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Sunshine Coast Council Coronavirus latest news

Council is committed to supporting Queensland Health as the lead agency responsible for responding to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and will ensure our business community is kept informed. If you have any health concerns please call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) or find up-to-date reliable information on the [Queensland Health website](#).

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Support for Business



Business Community Update

- Noosa Council has been working with their local Business Associations; Sandy Bolton - State member; Maree Adshead - QLD's Small Business Champion and other stakeholders to ensure a coordinated response for their Business Community during this crisis. If you require support, have any feedback or concerns, they encourage all business owners to connect with their relevant [Business Association](#).
- Check out the Business Support Measures being offered by Noosa Council, including the range of free [Business Support services](#).
- Noosa Council has established a [Noosa Business Facebook](#) page outlining the range of measures and programs that are available to support our local business community
- All Business and COVID-19 related information is summarised on Council's dedicated [Business and COVID-19](#) page outlining the support initiatives from all levels of government; industry information; and [Buy Local](#) information.

To keep up to date with all Council's Business e-Updates, [subscribe here](#).

Helpline for Small Business

Operations at the www.business.gov.au Contact Centre has increased from five days per week to seven days per week, and will provide an additional two hours a day of support outside standard operating hours, answering calls from 6.00am to 11.00pm AEST.

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Current Health Advice from the Department of Health

The latest information about COVID-19 is available on the Department of Health's website, including a number of fact sheets and resources for the public.

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