

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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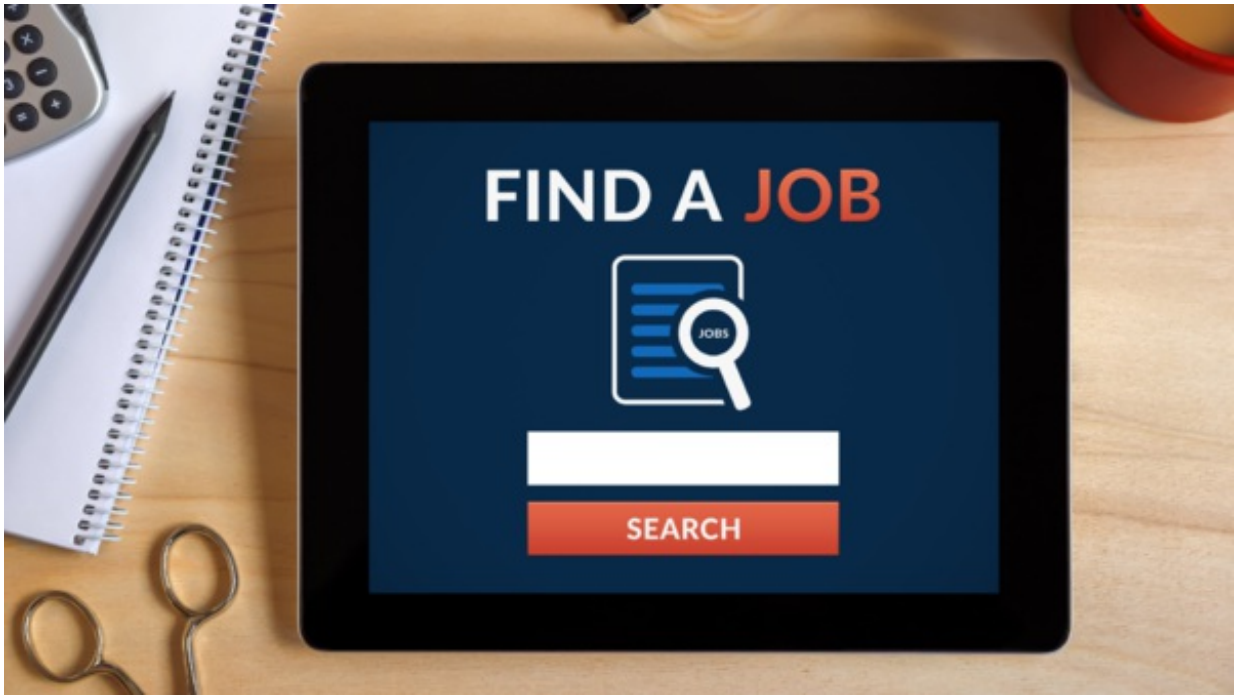


This week saw the JobKeeper payment legislation passed in Parliament and the first of those payments will hit the accounts of many Australian business owners next week.

Many eligible businesses also received a boost to their cashflow this week when they lodged their business activity statements.

In this issue we have details on a new Jobs Finder platform that has been launched and additional information on online courses that are available now. There are additional links to valuable information and as always the most recent information from our local councils.

On this eve of ANZAC day, it is a timely reminder that we are all in this together and that, united we will triumph. Let's all take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices of those brave men and women who have given so much so we can enjoy the freedoms that we do. Lest we forget.



Jobs Finder Qld is launched

Queenslanders whose employment has been impacted by COVID-19 and are now looking for work, can register their details, location and skills to be matched with suitable job opportunities by professional recruitment agencies.

[Find out more](#)



TAFE Qld and CQ Uni offer free online courses

Free online skill sets and micro-credentialing courses are being offer by TAFE Queensland and CQ University. Courses are in areas including in food service, community care, health support, customer engagement, digital literacy and cyber security.

[Learn more about the free online courses](#)

Quick Links

Information on how the Australian Government's economic response could support you can be found in the links below.



Retail lease disputes

Dispute Support is an online referral tool that makes it easy to find the most appropriate low cost dispute resolution service to help you resolve your business dispute.

[Read More](#)



JobKeeper enrolments now open

Additional information for employers, employees, sole traders and other entities and tax and BAS agents is available on this scheme.

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\$150m relief & assistance package from NBN Co

Helping internet providers to connect low-income families with home schooling needs and assisting small and medium businesses and households facing financial hardship

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New updates to COVID-19 business assistance finder

If your business has been impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, you may be eligible for financial assistance or other



Manufacturing & supply chains

See what the Queensland Government is looking to buy and how your manufacturing business can get involved in supply chain support for COVID-19.

types of relief.

Find out more

Use this tool to discover what support is available from the Queensland and Australian governments, plus Queensland local councils.

Find out more



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 and COVID-19 Update

A brief update on the latest business relevant information is detailed below:

- The Business Roundtable continues to meet, providing an opportunity for our business community to share information, support each other's initiatives and act as conduit to all levels of government. We encourage all businesses to feed their concerns and issues to their respective [business associations](#) for tabling at these meetings.
- Leases and tenancies continue to be a major issues for landlords and businesses. A mediation service is being offered by the Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman to assist small business operators to resolve complaints and disputes. Call 1300 650 460 or register at their [website](#).
- Local food and beverage businesses are being encouraged to register for the local food and drink virtual marketplace - [EatLocalNoosa](#) website - which was officially launched this morning. This website allows you to search and connect with Noosa's food and drink businesses that are still operating during the pandemic, and importantly will serve to operate and support local businesses post the COVID-19 era.
- Council is still offering Business Support Services and the Business Mentors Noosa Hotline for businesses to access for free. These services can offer advice in a range of areas, from HR, Business Continuity to marketing and online retailing. Visit the [Business and COVID-19](#) website for more information.
- Enrolment is now open for the Federal Government's [JobKeeper payment Scheme](#) - please visit the [ATO](#) website to enrol for the payment.

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

Business and COVID-19



Study Qld

Ensuring all students can access student support services for free during this time of anxiety and uncertainty is a priority for Study Queensland and the Queensland Government.

Find out more

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.

[Click here for more](#)



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.

[Latest health information](#)



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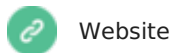
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