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BUSINESS UPDATE

COVID-19 - The Way Forward



As part of the recent Tourism & Business Fund announced by Port Stephens Council, **priority has been given to helping small businesses across Port Stephens find and access the assistance available to navigate the Covid-19 crisis.**

This week Council has established a **business support hotline** and a range of online information to help connect business with current and credible information on accessing financial assistance, practical advice, services and ideas. Information will be **updated frequently** as new information and resources are announced. For more information:

**Call the hotline: 0428 115 124 or
Email: ed@portwstephens.nsw.gov.au**

During these challenging times one of the key proposals the Tomaree Business Chamber will do is to ENCOURAGE BUSINESSES to do business LOCALLY and also encouraging locals to SHOP LOCALLY

Best Ways to Increase Profit In A Crisis



Basic 'Tips' to help you get through this crisis:

- **Review** your costs and eliminate wastage - it's a great opportunity to do this
- **Annual Costs** - see if you can be converted into monthly costs to help cash flow e.g. Insurance , Rates etc
- **Complete you BAS** so that you are eligible to receive the recently announced Government subsidies and grants
- If you have **Cash Flow Issues** please contact your large suppliers to seek review of payment arrangements to help you through this tough time
- **Bank Debts** - please liaise with your Bank as they could be much more sympathetic during this time and continue to keep them updated as this could make it a lot easier for you
- **Talk to your staff** - some maybe willing to drop back hours or may-be willing to take leave

Shop local. We're in this together.

Local businesses need your support now more than ever.



Get it to go. Order from your local restaurants and bars via delivery service, to-go, or curbside pickup.



Shop small online. Websites haven't closed and it's important to leave positive reviews for local vendors and businesses.



Buy in advance. Purchase gift cards or book services from local businesses to use at a future date.



Stay looped in. Keep up with your memberships, and with services that are still offered online.



Follow along. Your favorite local businesses are online and sharing specific ways you can support them.



Say thank you. Many business owners and workers are risking their health to provide critical products and services. Be thankful.

Useful **Links** for Your Business



Australian Government

• Support for Business

The government's stimulus package is extensive so the **FOLLOWING LINK** is provided to help understand what is the **most up to date summary** of the stimulus package and how it is intended to work.

<https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business>

or go to our website: www.tomareebusinesschamber.com.au

As well, for those of you who have employees, please find use the attached link to the Fair Work Ombudsman website which has a factsheet on your rights and responsibilities during this uncertainty. Please be aware the Fair Work Website is currently unavailable and recommend you check the website regularly for the most current information.

<https://www.fairwork.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media-releases/website-news/coronavirus-and-australian-workplace-laws>

• Cash flow Assistance for Businesses

[https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Assistance_for_businesses.pdf?](https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Assistance_for_businesses.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1prnVPPmLhTt6stPVfmdCOuXvPvFPFhZy8qVOpVhwQC6nGu8j_RFdie-U)

[fbclid=IwAR1prnVPPmLhTt6stPVfmdCOuXvPvFPFhZy8qVOpVhwQC6nGu8j_RFdie-U](https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Assistance_for_businesses.pdf?fbclid=IwAR1prnVPPmLhTt6stPVfmdCOuXvPvFPFhZy8qVOpVhwQC6nGu8j_RFdie-U)

State Government Information:

• Health Boost and Economic Stimulus

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/news-and-events/news/health-boost-and-economic-stimulus/>

Or go to our website: www.tomareebusinesschamber.com.au

Please take the opportunity to complete this survey on the impact of Covid-19 on your business.

Complete the Survey on below link Now!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6LKJR5W>

Membership Business Directory (Web Based)



The Chamber is committed to assisting our Members grow their business. Accordingly, we have decided to develop a **WEB Based Member Business Directory** which will be designed to assist our members to do business with each other. The Directory is for financial members and will be broken up into Business Categories e.g. Solicitor, electrician, Real Estate Agent etc.

Our Members will be independently surveyed to allow them to **nominate their category**.

We are hopeful this will be set up by May this year

Events and Office Management

The Chamber has responded to government requirements to not proceed with any events that have potential to attract more than 100 people. Therefore the annual Twilight Cruise on the 20th March and the April 'Business Breakfast' have been **indefinitely postponed**. We will let our members and other businesses know when our activities will be resumed.

The Chamber Office is CLOSED until further notice.

The volunteers will continue to work remotely and can be contacted by:

Phone: 0455 844 751

or

Email: tomareebusinesschamber@gmail.com



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