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TENTERFIELD IN TOUCH

Community Updates, News and Events



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My Community Directory

My Community Directory is an **online directory for health and community organisations that provide community services and activities**. It offers an up-to-date online directory and diary and acts as a single source of information for services and activities in our local community. My Community Directory is directly linked to Tenterfield Shire Council's website. Tenterfield in Touch will now link to My Community Directory each fortnight. To create and manage your free listing today, visit: www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/Register

Tenterfield Shire Council App

Stay up to date with Council information about your region, services and facilities, road updates, emergency alerts, Have Your Say, and more on your mobile phone or tablet device. The app is available to download free from the App Store or Google Play Store.

View Council's fortnightly newsletter -Your Local News:

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/your-local-news

View Council's media releases: www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/news-events/your-local-news

Emergency Grants & Assistance

Information, support and resources for residents and businesses regarding drought, bushfire and COVID-19 can be viewed on Council's website at:

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-funding/urgency-grants-funding

NEWS & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Register via the Eventbrite link below to view and participate in this free webinar:

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nsw-small-business-bushfire-information-webinar-tickets-101696631362

Council Media Release: 6 April 2020

Review of Council's Drought Management Plan

Due to the severe drought conditions, Tenterfield and Urbenville water reticulation areas had water restrictions imposed for 22 months – April 2018 to March 2020 which not only impacted the townships, but once Level 4.7 was reached, had severe repercussions on the rural community as well.

The Plan was implemented in 2010 following the dry conditions of 2009. However, actioning of the Drought Management Plan in April 2018 was the first time the measures of the Plan had been enacted and many lessons were learnt as a result of these harsher and drier times.

In order to ensure this knowledge is captured, Council is now reviewing the Drought Management Plan. Feedback is sought from the community and businesses about how Council can improve our response to future droughts.

You are invited to provide your feedback through the Engagement Hub on Council's website prior to Friday, 1 May 2020: <https://tent.engagementhub.com.au/drought-debrief>

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Warning to Easter Campers

Police will have the power to issue \$1,000 on-the-spot fines for individuals and \$5,000 for corporations not complying with Ministerial directions relating to COVID-19 as part of a State-wide crackdown on reckless behaviour to slow the spread of the virus.

Officers will also no longer require a warrant to arrest an individual breaching a public health order, after the NSW Government passed legislation to give Police greater powers to enforce orders under the Public Health Act 2010.

With beautiful autumn weather predicted for the Easter break, Council is warning those who are planning to come to Tenterfield Shire area to camp on the banks of the Clarence River and elsewhere, that the Stay at Home Rules issued by NSW Health apply.

You must stay at home, unless you are going to:

- Work (where you can't work remotely)
- School or an educational institution
- Shop for food and essentials
- Get medical care or supplies
- Exercise

Or see full details: <https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/public-health-orders>

Council has advised Police of the high risk areas and it is anticipated these areas will be patrolled throughout the Easter break and beyond.

"Despite the majority of people doing the right thing, there are those who are still behaving recklessly and irresponsibly, endangering the lives of others, particularly the elderly and immunocompromised members of the community", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"I am aware that Easter is a time when families get together to camp in our beautiful remote areas, however this is not the year to do it. Please stay home and respect the wellbeing of others", Mayor Petty urged.

Members of the public can report to Crime Stoppers if they hold concerns an individual or community is failing to comply with Public Health Orders. You can report online at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call 1800 333 000.

Message from New South Wales National Parks & Wildlife Service: Exercising in a NSW national park during COVID-19

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is working to keep your local national parks open during the COVID-19 pandemic, but as NSW national parks have experienced significant increases in visitors in recent weeks, particularly during weekends, we need your help.

Although we have had to close some facilities, including campgrounds and high-visitation areas (beaches, picnic facilities, busy lookouts) to protect staff and the community, many walking tracks remain open for exercise and we want to keep them that way. **We ask that you please comply with the following directives and health measures:**

- In line with the advice of government and health authorities, you are advised to cancel all holiday travel plans to NSW national parks.
- If your planned visit to a NSW national park is for a purpose other than exercise, you should reconsider your plan as you may be in breach of the [current public health orders](#).
- If you wish to exercise in a national park, choose a park close to your home. Visitors are reminded that [non-essential travel is currently not permitted](#).
- If you are unwell, stay at home.
- Practice social distancing.
- If you arrive at a national park or other public space and it is too crowded to practice social distancing, it is your responsibility to leave the area. Please do not wait to be instructed by NPWS or police.

NPWS officers and NSW Police are patrolling national parks to ensure visitors are complying with social distancing measures and other public health orders.

If visitors do not comply with these public health requirements, NPWS may need to close more areas of national parks. If an area closes, it is unlikely we will be able to reopen it until the public health guidelines change.

So please enjoy our NSW national parks, but be sure to exercise care while exercising your body, so we can keep these incredible places open.

Please check the [Alerts](#) page before visiting any park, and the [COVID-19 page](#) for all related updates.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Health Alert

The World Health Organization has announced that COVID-19 is a pandemic. Find out how the Department of Health are monitoring and responding to the outbreak, how you can help slow the spread of COVID-19 in Australia, and what to do if you have symptoms:

www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert

Public Health Order

Public health orders have been issued to protect the community and reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection. For a full list of current public health orders, including penalties for breaching orders and rules for gatherings, public places and businesses, visit:

<https://preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/public-health-orders>

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National COVID-19 Helpline & Support

Call this line if you are seeking information on coronavirus (COVID-19). The line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week: **1800 020 080**

If you're struggling with anxiety or worry about COVID-19, check the [Head to Health's COVID-19 support page](#), which outlines some steps you can take: www.headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support.

Information and advice on COVID-19 for NSW community & businesses (the following information and advice regarding COVID-19 is available from preview.nsw.gov.au/covid-19):

- About COVID-19
- Latest public health order updates
- How to protect yourself & others
- Symptoms & feeling unwell
- Community resources
- Financial assistance
- Businesses, workers & workplaces
- Schools, universities & childcare
- Travel & transport
- Your rights: retail, travel & rentals

Local Newspaper: Tenterfield Star

Stay up-to-date with news from near and far at www.tenterfieldstar.com.au.

Featured Local Service Providers

Given current circumstances and the challenges our community has faced, we thought it would be nice to not only to put faces to names but also to share what support and information is available out there for our Shire. We hope to feature a different Agency/Service contact for every edition of Tenterfield in Touch. A big thanks to Andrew for being our very first contributor!



Name: Andrew Daley

Position: Coordinator

Service Organisation Name: Rural Adversity Mental Health Program

Brief overview of your service – What support do you provide?

The Rural Adversity Mental Health Program (RAMHP) is a major project of the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health (CRRMH). RAMHP has 20 Coordinators based across regional, rural and remote NSW who inform, educate and connect individuals, communities and workplaces with appropriate services and programs. We link people to local mental health services and resources, we educate workplaces and communities about mental health and wellbeing and we respond in times of natural disasters and severe adversity.

What part of your role do you enjoy the most?

Listening to rural people talk about their life experiences and how they have faced the many challenges of working and living in the bush.

Fun fact about you: I like toy kombi vans.

Phone number: 0428 109 990

Email address: andrew.daley@health.nsw.gov.au

If you'd like to feature as part of an organisation providing service or support to people within the Tenterfield Shire, please submit the below information to us via email:

First name:

Surname:

Position:

Service Organisation Name:

Brief overview of your service – What support do you provide?

Phone number:

Email address:

What part of your role do you enjoy the most?

Fun fact about you:

Attachment: Profile photo

Please note: Maximum image size 1mb. Landscape image only. Image to be included in same email as accompanying content.

Please submit this information to news@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au no later than 5pm Monday for inclusion in Tuesday's Tenterfield in Touch. Thank you.

Message from My Community Directory + Diary

www.mycommunitydirectory.com.au/New_South_Wales/Tenterfield

It's been a huge year so far with drought, bushfires, floods and now COVID-19. We hope you and your families are safe and well. Please reach out if there is something we can help you with.

Connecting communities to information at this time is vital. We've undertaken some key activities and created resources to make sure that every Australian has access to local information about services in their region.

What have we done?

- We've developed Service Updater - a quick and easy way to make changes to your listing, update your opening hours, changes to service delivery or advise customers of your current position.
- COVID-19 banners at the top of every local My Community Directory. You will now find links to National and State Government websites with all the latest information available.
- Webinars - we would love you to join us on our free online community training webinars. Our webinars this month will focus on downloading bulk data, listing maintenance and uploading events.

Utilise Your Library's Online Services

During this time of social isolation, your Tenterfield Shire Library continues to offer online services to keep you and your family entertained. Although currently unable to meet your real-life book reading needs, the following online services may assist. Staff are available to take your call on (02) 6736 6060 or email tenpublib@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au Visit the website for more information - you might be surprised at what you will find:
www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/community/library

PressReader: Provides access to over 7000 newspapers and magazines in a variety of languages. There are approximately 1600 English language magazine titles and more are added each year. You can download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play store to your Apple or Android device. Once you have downloaded the app you can access the library subscription by opening the App clicking on Sign In then the 'Libraries and Groups' symbol. Select: 'Library - Tenterfield Public Library' then input your library card barcode (include the capital letter that is part of your current card number) and the password you use to access your library account via the library's online catalogue.

Ziptales - Easy navigation, free unlimited access Ziptales offers over 500 interactive stories and activities ranging from the classic favourites like - Cinderella, Pinocchio, Sleeping Beauty and Rapunzel to original tales - animal stories, scary stories, mystery, comedy, and many more genre categories. Aligned to the Australian curriculum, and read by trained actors, all stories come with follow up quizzes for those who wish to check reading comprehension. Ziptales has three main libraries catering for Preschool to Kindergarten, Foundation / Prep to Year 2, and Years 3 to 6. All you need is your Tenterfield Public Library borrower card number as it is free to use for library members. Follow the links on the Library database pages of Council's website or use this link: www.ziptales.com/subs/tenterfield

Tenterfield Shire Businesses Offering Takeaway & Delivery

It's so important to support local businesses during these times of great uncertainty. A really simple way you can help is by ordering takeaway or arranging delivery of your foodie needs and desires. After all, we all have to eat!

We've put together a [list of local businesses](#) offering helpful options to their valued customers. Most items can be pre-ordered by phone and collected from the venue. We'll do our best to update this list as we become aware of any changes or additions. Businesses are encouraged to email updates regarding their product and service offerings to news@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au.

Remember: Minimise personal contact. Wash your hands before and after you visit or accept delivery. Use your bank card to tap-and-go. Be patient and be kind - we're all in this together!

401 on Rouse **401 Rouse Street** **0497 111 255**

Takeaway menu. Pre-cooked heat-at-home meals also available. Weekly feature treats. Tradie take-away packs to see you through the day. Takeaway available 7am - 12noon daily. Call or text to order.

Brew & Bar **242 Rouse Street** www.brewandbar.com

Full menu available for delivery (Pay online or EFTPOS available upon pick-up or delivery):
5pm - 8pm Tues - Sun.

Coco Thai Restaurant 261 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 5925

Takeaway available 12pm – 2pm / 5pm – 8:30pm.

Courtyard Café

203 Rouse St

02 6736 4870

Takeaway available daily. Mon – Fri 9am – 3pm. Sat & Sun 8am – 3pm.

Crown Hotel

48 Urben Street, Urbenville

(02) 6634 1213

Takeaway available daily.

Drake Village Resource Centre

7709 Bruxner Hwy, Drake

(02) 6737 6790

Coffee and snacks available for takeaway.

FoodWorks Tenterfield & Matador Meats

115 High Street

tenterfield@matadorgroup.com.au

(02) 6736 2164

Shop in store 7am – 6.30pm Mon – Fri / 8am – 4pm Sat & Sun or online with home delivery or click & collect options: tenterfield.myfoodworks.com.au

Kitchen Garden Café

250 Rouse Street

0499 707 243

Full menu available for takeaway 6am – 3pm Mon – Sun.

Lunatic Hotel

7710 Bruxner Hwy, Drake

(02) 6737 6757

Bottle shop open 12pm – 8pm. Takeaway lunch Sat & Sun 12pm – 2pm. Takeaway dinner Wed – Sat 5pm – 7.30pm.

Our Place Wine & Espresso Bar

204 Rouse Street

0488 014 152

Full menu available for takeaway or delivery from 8:30am – 5pm Mon – Fri.

Premier Meats

118 High Street

02 6736 1178

Butcher shop offering free home delivery in the town area Mon – Sat. Please order by phone.

Rosenhof German Heritage Cafe

17 Naas Street

(02) 5776 1614 or 0475 127 810

Takeaway menu. Delivery available. 10am – 8pm Fri – Sun.

Royal Hotel

130 High Street

(02) 6736 1833

Takeaway meals available.

Sue's Fruit & Veges

1 Scott St (next to football grounds)

0400 375 482

Text your order and collect from outside the shop. Home delivery available for orders over \$30.
7:30am – 5pm Mon – Fri.

Taylor's Café

262 Rouse Street

0467 732 682

Takeaway available 9am – 2pm.

Telegraph Hotel

139 Manners St

(02) 6736 1015

Bottle shop open 10am – 9pm.

Tenterfield Bakery

226 Rouse St

Takeaway for this week only until Sun 29 March:

Mon – Fri 6:30am – 3pm. Sat 7:30am – 2pm. Closed Sundays. *Home delivery will soon be available after the Easter period.*

Tenterfield Bowling Club

Cnr Molesworth & Scott Streets

(02) 6736 1848

Restaurant menu available for takeaway – phone to order.

Tenterfield Gourmet Pizza

236 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 5500

Takeaway and delivery available. Frozen pizzas also available. Open 7 days 12pm – 2pm / 5pm – 8:30pm.

Tenterfield Health Go Vita

230 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 5242

For all your natural product needs and personalised health & wellness advice. In-store collection, local delivery and postage available. Mon – Fri 9am – 5pm. Sat 9am – 12noon.

Tenterfield Takeaway

340 Rouse St

(02) 6736 3999

Tenterfield Tavern

378 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 2888

Bottle shop open.

The Corner Life & Style Café

212-214 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 4400

Takeaway & pre-cooked heat-at-home meals available. 8am – 5pm Mon – Fri. 8am – 12:30pm Sat.

Uncle Tom's Chinese

291 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 5111

Takeaway available for lunch and dinner. Lunch: Tues – Sun 12pm – 2pm. Dinner: Mon 5pm – 8pm. Tues – Sun 5:30pm – 8:30pm.

Willow Tree Café

274 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 2135

Full menu available for takeaway.

Wizards Butchery

Henry Parkes Plaza, 162 Rouse Street

(02) 6736 5777

Tenterfield Taxi Delivery Service

0428 669 449

Door-to-door delivery service for takeaways, chemists, packages, items between families, loved ones and friends or anything that requires you to not to leave your homes or business. Note: Due to liquor laws, alcohol cannot be purchased on your behalf.

Why Leave Town Gift Cards

Looking for the perfect gift idea? Why not gift a **Why Leave Town Tenterfield True Grit** card that can be redeemed in over 50 participating stores in Tenterfield. The Tenterfield True Gift Card is an initiative of the Tenterfield Chamber of Tourism, Industry & Business and can be purchased at the following places in Tenterfield: Tenterfield Visitor Information Centre, Corner Store, Sullivan's Newsagency, Little Magnolia Florist, Mitre 10, CM Country Outfitters, Commercial Boutique Hotel and Go Vita. For more information on load-up and redemption stores visit www.whyleavetown.com/tenterfield

Logo Competition- TenterLIFE Suicide Prevention Network

TenterLife is a locally driven response to build awareness of mental health and reduce the risk of suicide. we are holding a competition for students to design our logo. Get your creative thoughts flowing. The logo needs to represent Tenterfield in some way and have a positive theme about life. **Our Vision:** *To fully engage the community, working together to reduce suicide and the impact through education and communication.* The creator of the winning logo will receive a \$100 Why Leave Town Tenterfield True Grit Gift Card. **Competition closes 24 April 2020.** The network will choose the winning logo at their next meeting (end of April 2020) and the winner announced shortly afterwards. **Contact:** Lexie - tenterLIFE@gmail.com or 0429 990 222

Hunter Writers Centre 2020 Grieve Writing Competition – Now Open

Each year, Australians living here and abroad submit poems up to 36 lines or stories/personal essays up to 500 words and approximately 100 works are published in the annual anthology. The book is launched in August - Grief Awareness month in Australia. 2020 is the 8th year of the project. Over \$7000 prize pool. **Closes 8pm Monday 25 May. More info:** <https://hunterwriterscentre.org/grieve-project>

Newcastle Poetry Prize – Now Open

The Newcastle Poetry Prize is one of the major events on the literary calendar in Australia, bringing entries from across the nation. Each year, local and national poets compete with internationally recognised names such as Peter Porter, Les Murray, Bruce Dawe, Anthony Lawrence, Mark Tredinnick, Lily Brett, Robert Adamson and Judith Beveridge. \$25,000 prize pool. **Closes 8pm Tuesday 23 June. More info:** <https://hunterwriterscentre.org/newcastle-poetry-prize>

TRAINING, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

New England Writers Centre's Grammar Toolkit

No germs, no personal space issues (unless you have a cat who insists on sitting on your lap), no worries! This online workshop will be spread over three sessions of two hours each — places are limited so book now! <http://www.newc.org.au/the-grammar-toolkit.html>

Connected Learning Centre – Tenterfield TAFE Campus TAFE NSW RTO 90003

Please note: TAFE NSW has temporarily paused the face-to-face delivery of courses until Monday 27 April. TAFE NSW campuses will remain open so communities can access a range of support services. In the meantime, TAFE NSW teaching teams will be building the online resources that you need to complete your course.

Practical delivery of training for some critical skills areas, such as nursing, will continue. If this applies to you, your teacher will contact you to discuss.

Visit www.tafensw.edu.au/coronavirus for the most current TAFE NSW operational information. For more info phone 02 6736 0000 or visit the Tenterfield Campus, Corner of High and East Streets. Please check online for the courses being offered in Tenterfield for 2020.

The NSW Government is implementing a 3 year 'Fee-Free Traineeship' initiative, providing funding under the Smart and Skilled Program to fully subsidise NSW New Entrant and School-based Trainees, who commence their training on and from 1 January 2020. Please enquire for more information. We also have Mature Age Workers Scholarships, fee-free courses for 35 years or older looking for work and wanting to retrain or upgrade your skills. To check your eligibility, click here.

Tenterfield TAFE is taking EOI's for the Certificate II in Construction – Commencing 27 April 2020

One-day commercial courses for 2020

- TAFE Statement in NSW Liquor Licensee – 7 May 2020: \$375.00
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) – 22 May 2020, 03 July 2020: \$165.00
- Responsible Gambling Service (RCG) – 27 March 2020, 29 May 2020, 10 July 2020: \$140.00
- Food Handling & Food Safety Supervisor – 18 May 2020: \$170.00 & \$270.00
- Provide First Aid – 8 April 2020: \$175.00
- CPR update – 8 April 2020: \$70.00
- SOA in General Induction to Construction (white card) – taking enquiries: \$155.00
- SOA in Work Safely at Heights – taking enquiries: \$220.00
- SOA in Enter and Work in Confined Spaces – taking enquiries: \$320.00

Subsidised Skills Training for Drought-affected Farmers & Businesses

The NSW Government is subsidising skills training for farmers and regional businesses impacted by the drought and looking to transition into new or updated career opportunities. Access to this funding aims to provide support to farmers and businesses to manage the impact of drought. Eligible training includes but is not limited to: heavy vehicle, forklift tickets, confined spaces, dogging, auto electrics, drone operations, business management, chainsaw operations, excavator tickets, elevated work platform, small engine maintenance, work health & safety, book keeping, farm management, and sustainable business practices. For more info phone 13 28 11 or visit www.training.nsw.gov.au.

YouthAOD Learning Hub

Free online learning courses designed especially for practitioners supporting young people aged 12 – 25 on offer. Large range of topics available. For details and to complete the training modules, visit the Youth Alcohol & Other Drugs Learning Hub online:

www.youthaod.org.au/learninghub

Northern Tablelands Local Land Services Productive Producer Podcast

The Productive Producer podcast series is designed specifically for producers across the Northern Tablelands. All topics featured in the podcasts will include a strong focus on production. Regardless of the theme, subjects will be relatable to the practical application of how the information can be implemented on farm.

The podcasts are available to stream through Spotify, Apple Podcast and other podcast platforms. Simply search "Productive Producer".

The Australia Council Launches Digital Support Facebook Group for Creative Industry

[The Australia Council](#) has launched a Facebook group - [Arts and creative industry: digital support](#) - as a digital support to the industry. Artists and organisations can share and promote content on this new channel, and use it as a professional development resource for those who may not have the technology, skill sets or bandwidth to successfully present and represent their work online through live streaming or other methods.

TENTERFIELD CINEMA

Please be advised that the Tenterfield Cinema is currently closed as of 19 March 2020. For more information, [find us on Facebook](#) or visit our website

www.tenterfieldcinema.com.au.

EVENTS & LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Limits on public gatherings for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Public gatherings significantly increase the risk of COVID-19 spreading. On 29 March 2020 the National Cabinet agreed to further limit most indoor and outdoor non-essential gathering to 2 people. Rules on essential gatherings are also in place. Find out what limits apply at

www.health.gov.au

Council will continue to maintain and update its online events calendar (including regular activities) accordingly, as new information or updates are provided:

www.tenterfield.nsw.gov.au/news-events/events

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My Community Directory Webinars – April

We would love you to join us via our online training webinars: In April we cover:

- Downloading Bulk Data
- Maintenance of Listing
- Uploading Events

Sessions:

Thursday 9 April 10.30am

Tuesday 21 April 2.30pm

Register here: <https://bit.ly/2XhqORA> (You will receive an email registration confirmation once completed - please let us know if you don't receive this).

FEATURED GRANTS & FUNDING

If you would like to discuss a grant application or would like assistance, please contact Council's Community Development Officer, Rebekah Kelly, on 0439 954 562 or email r.kelly@tenterfield.nsw.gov.au.

Message from [Regional Development Australia – Northern Inland](#) Regarding Financial Assistance for Individuals and Businesses Affected by COVID-19

The Australian Government has announced two rounds of financial support for individuals, businesses, not for profits and charities this month, with more on the way. To help you access the support that is available to you, we are updating our specialised [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Assistance](#) page on our website almost daily. On this page you can find out about the range of programs that are available, including:

For Individuals:

- Changes to the JobSeeker and Youth Allowance JobSeeker Payments
- Lower-Income Support Payment
- Income Support Supplement for Individuals
- Additional Child Care Subsidy
- Temporary Early Release of Superannuation
- Temporarily Reducing Superannuation Minimum Drawdown Rates
- Reducing Social Security Deeming Rates

For Businesses:

- JobKeeper Payment

- Increased Asset Write-Off Threshold
- Backing Business Investment
- Boosting Cash Flow for Employers
- Supporting Apprentices and Trainees
- Support for Existing Government Program Participants and Applicants
- SME Guarantee Scheme
- ATO Support
- Providing Temporary Relief for Financially Distressed Businesses
- Community Child Care Fund Special Circumstances COVID-19 Support

The Grants Hub

www.thegrantshub.com.au

Grant news and free grant resources.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Information for Small Business Owners

The COVID-19 outbreak is impacting businesses globally in many ways including reduced trade, temporary business closures, staffing issues, and supply chain interruptions. The information available online provides you with tips and resources to help you manage your small business during the crisis and into the recovery phase:

www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/get-help/covid-19-coronavirus-information-small-business-owners

Australian Communities Foundation & Philanthropic Australia

Australian Communities Foundation and Philanthropy Australia have partnered to provide a national funding platform to coordinate the philanthropic response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The platform empowers a centralised and coordinated funding approach to supporting the community through the pandemic, with one point of contact to assist with brokering support across the board. To support, or find out more about a project you see here, please contact grants@communityfoundation.org.au or call [03 9412 0412](tel:0394120412).

Explore featured opportunities and COVID-19 funding proposals online at www.communityfoundation.org.au/making-a-difference/granting-opportunities/

Featured Grants

\$10,000 Grant Assistance Scheme for Small Business

Thousands of small businesses across NSW struggling to cope with the COVID-19 shutdown will receive grants of up to \$10,000 under a new assistance scheme. Many local cafés, restaurants, corner shops, gyms and small accommodation providers will be eligible to apply. Applications for a small business grant of up to \$10,000 will be available through Service NSW within a fortnight and remain open until 1 June 2020.

To be eligible, businesses will need to:

- Have between 1-19 employees and a turnover of more than \$75,000;
- A payroll below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000;
- Have an Australian Business Number as at 1 March 2020, be based in NSW and employ staff as at 1 March 2020;
- Be highly impacted by the Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order 2020 issued on 30 March 2020;
- Use the funding for unavoidable business costs such as utilities, overheads, legal costs and financial advice;
- Provide appropriate documentation upon application.

For more information visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/covid-19-help-small-businesses/grants-loans-and-financial-assistance#small-business-support-grant. Please note the grant is expected to be available by 17 April 2020. You can register interest using the Business Concierge Program and you will be able to apply via the above link when these applications open.

Service NSW Business Concierge Program

Service NSW offer a dedicated Business Concierge program available to assist Small Businesses with any questions and/or concerns you have around obligations and financial assistance available. They can help with assistance for impacts by NSW Bushfires as well as COVID-19. For details – see here <https://mybusiness.service.nsw.gov.au/concierge> or call 13 77 88.

Australia Council Announces New Resilience Fund for Arts

A new \$5 million Resilience Fund for artists and arts organisations will open for applications today, offering welcome support to the nation's arts and cultural sector, which has been hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis. The Australia Council, the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body, announced the Resilience Fund this week to address the immediate and enormous challenges the sector is currently experiencing. The fund will provide immediate relief to Australian artists, arts workers and arts organisations to support their livelihoods, practice and operations.

The 2020 Resilience Fund includes three streams:

- Survive - small grants for individuals, groups and organisations to offset or recoup financial losses due to cancelled activity
- Adapt - grants for individuals, groups and organisations to adapt their practice and explore new operating models
- Create - grants for individuals, groups and organisations to continue to create artistic work and develop creative responses in a time of disruption

Organisations that currently receive multi-year funding from the Australia Council are not eligible to apply. Artists and organisations that have existing agreements with the Australia Council are encouraged to contact their contract manager to discuss flexible support options at this time. Applications for the Resilience Fund quick response opportunities open today. For more information visit the [Australia Council website](http://www.australiacouncil.gov.au): www.australiacouncil.gov.au

[ACF Boost](#)

This program offers dollar-for-dollar matched funding of up to \$5,000 for projects that are developed, produced or toured within Australia and raise funds through the Australian Cultural Fund. Applications close 11.59pm Tuesday 31 March. Read more [here](#).

[AMP Tomorrow Fund](#)

AMP is offering grants to amazing Australians doing great things. Individuals of all ages, walks of life and interests – including scientists, social entrepreneurs, educators, artists, athletes, musicians and more – are invited to apply for grants of up to \$100,000. Applications close Wednesday 15 April. More info [here](#).

[Neilma Sidney Literary Travel Fund](#)

This travel fund is open to emerging, midcareer and established Australian writers and literary sector workers. Applicants can apply for grants between \$2,000 and \$10,000 for travel between 1 June 2020 and 31 May 2021. *This could be the perfect way to kick start a new project when restrictions are eased.*

[Seniors Staying Social Grants](#)

Organisations in NSW can now apply for funding for programs which help keep our seniors social and connected with the community.

Applications close: 19 April 2020

More info: www.facs.nsw.gov.au/inclusion/seniors/seniorsstaying-social

[Small Environmental Grant Scheme](#)

Next Round Opens: 1st of April 2020

Value: Up to \$10,000

Run By: Wettenhall Environment Trust

Providing support for people undertaking projects that will make a positive difference to the natural living environment, in land, sea or air, rural or urban.

[Thriving People and Places](#)

Closes: Ongoing

Value: \$20,000 and over for NSW applicants

Run By: Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation

VFFF aspires to a stronger and brighter future for people and places experiencing disadvantage, enabling them to reach their educational, social and economic potential and build thriving communities by making grants to charities.

[Small Grants for Rural Communities](#)

Closes: Various

Value: Up to \$5,000

Run By: Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal

Available for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities in rural, regional or remote Australia. Priority is given to communities of 10,000 or fewer. Applicants must be not-for-profit community organisations with an ABN or incorporation certificate.

[Google Ad Grants](#)

Closes: Applications are ongoing

Value: Up to \$10,000 per month

Run By: Google

Empowers nonprofit organisations, through \$10,000 per month in in-kind AdWords™ advertising, to promote their missions and initiatives on Google search result pages.

[Quick Response Grants](#)

Closing date: Applications are Ongoing

Value: Up to \$1,500

Run By: Regional Arts NSW

Offers funding for regional artists, arts organisations and communities to respond to unique arts opportunities that present themselves at very short notice.