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STATE STIMULUS PACKAGES

COVID-19

Each State Government of Australia has announced it's own stimulus package targeted at helping local business within their region.

These items are state-specific and are in addition to the Federal Stimulus Package items.

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NSW - NEW SOUTH WALES

- Payroll tax waived for businesses with payrolls of up to \$10 million for 3 months (the rest of 2019-20). Businesses will save a quarter of their annual payroll tax bill in 2019-20
- \$56 million to bring forward the next round of payroll tax cuts by raising the threshold limit to \$1 million in 2020-21
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- \$80 million to waive a range of fees and charges for small businesses including bars, cafes, restaurants and tradies
- NSW will spend \$250 million to employ additional cleaners of public infrastructure such as transport assets, schools and other public buildings
- More than \$250 million to bring forward maintenance on public assets including social housing and crown land fencing. \$500 million to bring forward capital works and maintenance.
- \$700 million extra funding for NSW Health to double ICU capacity, prepare for additional COVID-19 testing, purchasing additional ventilators and medical equipment, establishing acute respiratory clinics and bringing forward elective surgeries to private hospitals.
- NSW Government has amended the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act to ensure that any development that protects the health, welfare and safety of the community during the pandemic can proceed without the normal development approvals.
- Long Service leave rules have been amended to allow employees to take leave in shorter blocks without the traditional one-month notice period, by agreement with their employer for the until September 2020.

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- NSW workers and businesses are now able to access a range of advice and support on non-health related COVID-19 enquiries via the Service NSW contact centre 13 77 88
- Police will have the power to issue \$1000 on-the-spot fines for individuals and \$5000 for corporations not complying with ministerial directions relating to COVID-19. Members of the public can report breaches of COVID-19 public health orders at www.nsw.crimestoppers.com.au or call 1800 333 000

NSW 2ND STAGE STIMULUS PACKAGE

- \$1 billion Working for NSW fund to sustain business, create new jobs and retrain employees. The fund is already being put in to action with 1000 new staff for Service NSW announced this week to be funded by the program. The Working for NSW fund will comprise \$750 million in new funding and \$250 million announced last week for additional cleaning services
- Deferral of payroll tax for business with payrolls over \$10 million for six months (up to \$4 billion deferred). Businesses with payrolls of \$10 million or less received a three-month waiver on payroll tax in the first package. These businesses will now get an additional three month deferral as well
- Deferral of rents for six months for commercial tenants with less than 20 employees in all Government-owned properties. Deferral of the parking space levy for six months
- \$30 million to boost the Energy Accounts Payments Assistance scheme
- \$10 million to support charities and \$6 million additional funding for Lifeline's operations in NSW. \$34 million boost in funding to prevent homelessness

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- **Faster Payments scheme** - The NSW Government is fast-tracking the payment of suppliers and contractors to help businesses maintain their cash flow. Suppliers to benefit will include a range of small to medium businesses from catering and cleaning companies, medical supply companies, local regional suppliers and community service groups.
- Construction sites can now operate on weekends and public holidays under new rules introduced today by the NSW Government to support the industry during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Environmental Planning and Assessment (**COVID-19 Development – Construction Work Days**) Order 2020 is now in place and will continue until the COVID-19 pandemic is over, or the advice of NSW Health changes.

The Planning System Acceleration Program

- create opportunities for more than 30,000 construction jobs in the next six months
- fast-track assessments of State Significant Developments, rezonings and development applications (DAs), with more decisions to be made by the Minister if required
- support councils and planning panels to fast-track local and regionally significant DAs
- introduce a 'one stop shop' for industry to progress projects that may be 'stuck in the system'
- clear the current backlog of cases stuck in the Land & Environment Court with additional Acting Commissioners
- invest \$70 million to co-fund vital new community infrastructure in North West Sydney including roads, drainage and public parks to unlock plans for the construction of thousands of new houses.

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\$750 million Small Business Support Fund

- Eligible businesses must 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.
- 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.

- Parents in NSW will not have to pay preschool fees for up to six months thanks to a \$51 million funding package announced by the NSW Government. [READ MORE](#)

- Free Tafe Courses - 21 fee-free TAFE NSW short courses are available online to assist anyone across the state who wants to upskill during the COVID-19 pandemic. [LEARN MORE](#)

- NSW Government offers \$440 million land tax break to support tenants and landlords [READ MORE](#)

- Tenants will be protected from eviction until NCAT is satisfied that negotiations have concluded [READ MORE](#)

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- Licence fees will be waived for NSW tradies for 12 months. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government mandating ePlanning across 42 councils from 1 July 2020 allowing Homeowners in metropolitan Sydney, Newcastle, the Central Coast and Illawarra will be able to lodge DAs online. [READ MORE](#)
- Anyone coughing or spitting on any worker will face a \$5000 on-the-spot fine with tough measures introduced to protect health care staff and police now extended to all workers. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses across the state doing it tough during the COVID19 pandemic are encouraged to register for the NSW Government's small business advisory program. Businesses can access support by visiting [Business Connect](#) or call 1300 134 359.
- Jobs in the NSW construction sector will receive a major boost ahead of the start of work on the M6 Stage 1. [READ MORE](#)
- Households struggling to pay their energy bills during COVID-19 can access additional financial support directly through Service NSW and the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, thanks to a \$30 million boost to the government's emergency support EAPA Scheme. [LEARN MORE](#)
- \$250 million cleaners' package will improve the cleaning of public facilities including NSW transport, schools and TAFE. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government rolls out webinars to help small businesses [READ MORE](#)

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- The NSW planning system will keep moving throughout COVID-19 to keep people in jobs and the economy moving, with all public hearings and meetings to be held online during the pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- Thirteen new fee-free TAFE NSW online short courses are available to anyone wanting to upskill during the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW Government has purchased almost \$1 billion of personal protective equipment (PPE) to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect frontline emergency workers, medical staff and the public. [READ MORE](#)
- A fast-tracked program of courts and corrections facility upgrades is about to pump \$9 million through regional economies hit hard by COVID-19 restrictions. [READ MORE](#)
- Landlords providing rent relief for eligible tenants in financial distress due to COVID-19 can now apply for land tax concessions online. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW to ease COVID-19 restrictions from Friday 15 May [READ MORE](#)
- Applications are now open for the NSW Government's Bert Evans Apprentice Scholarships offering \$15,000 to apprentices across NSW. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW residents will be able to take a holiday anywhere in NSW from next month, with intra-state travel restrictions to be lifted from Monday 1 June 2020. [READ MORE](#)

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- Planning approval has been given to a new recycling facility in Penrith and a major upgrade to a brick production facility in Horsley Park that, combined, will inject an additional \$27.8 million into the economy and support more than 130 local jobs. [READ MORE](#)
- The new \$3 billion Infrastructure and Job Acceleration Fund will be used for smaller, shovel-ready projects touching every corner of the state, injecting up to an extra 20 thousand jobs back into the NSW workforce. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses will be able to check, test and promote their COVID Safe credentials with the launch of the NSW Government's online COVID Safe Check [READ MORE](#)
- Approval of the \$2.6 billion Mamre Road Precinct, one of 12 key precincts in the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, will unlock 850 hectares of new industrial land and see the creation of new public spaces and conservation areas. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW will ease further restrictions from this Saturday, 13 June, with food courts allowed to reopen, the number of people allowed to visit homes increased from 5 to 20, and the number of people allowed to gather outdoors increased from 10 to 20. [READ MORE](#)
- [NSW HomeBuilder Grant guidelines](#)
- Under the new Small Business Recovery Grant, small businesses will be able to apply for funding up to \$3000. [READ MORE](#)
- Further COVID-19 restrictions set to ease from 1 July [READ MORE](#)

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- Fresh face for the Sydney Fish Market gets the final go-ahead, creating 700 construction jobs and more than 700 ongoing jobs once the new markets open in 2024. [READ MORE](#)
- construction will commence on all three schools in Blacktown, Wagga Wagga and Catherine Fields within the next couple of months, creating 950 construction jobs across these local communities. [READ MORE](#)
- From Monday 6 July 2020, customers will receive a 50% discount when travelling on public transport in Sydney during the off-peak. [READ MORE](#)
- \$500 million rejuvenation for key Western Sydney centres. Two revitalised town centres and thousands more homes are on the way for Western Sydney, with the NSW Government approving four major rezonings in Fairfield, Villawood, Harris Park and Silverwater. [READ MORE](#)
- Snowy Hydro scheme 2.0 approved. [READ MORE](#)
- Changes to the NSW fines system will support vulnerable people experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)
- Amazon is developing a new advanced storage and distribution centre near the Western Sydney Aerotropolis, creating 1500 jobs in addition to 700 jobs during its construction [READ MORE](#)
- The NSW Government today announced it will fund a full year of council rate relief for owners of homes, farms and businesses lost in the bushfire crisis. [READ MORE](#)

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- NSW will temporarily shut its border with Victoria to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and jobs of NSW citizens. [READ MORE](#)
- The second major WestConnex project, the \$4.3 billion New M5 tunnels between Beverly Hills and St Peters, is now open [READ MORE](#)
- Public health alert -- get tested and isolate until 14 days after you were at the Crossroad Hotel [READ MORE](#)
- Construction underway for new schools at Meadowbank [READ MORE](#)
- New England will become a NSW powerhouse, with the NSW Government today announcing a \$79 million plan to develop a second, massive 8,000 MW Renewable Energy Zone (REZ) in the region. [READ MORE](#)
- \$83 million NSW Planning Reform Action Plan revealed [READ MORE](#)
- Big boost for first home buyers and construction industry as stamp duty slashed [READ MORE](#)
- The NSW Government is strongly encouraging greater use of masks in high-risk public settings [READ MORE](#)
- New vocational facilities at Seven Hills High School [READ MORE](#)
- A strict permit system will be in place for all flights arriving in NSW from Victoria, with all passengers undergoing police and health checks on arrival. [READ MORE](#)
- NSW residents returning from Victoria must go into mandatory hotel quarantine for 14 days at their own expense. [READ MORE](#)

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- NSW residents returning from Victoria will have their hotel quarantine fee waived for the next month to ease the financial burden on returnees. [READ MORE](#)
- **Businesses in 13 Local Government Areas along the NSW and Victorian border will be able to apply for \$5000 and \$10,000 grants through Service NSW from Tuesday 8 September.** [READ MORE](#)
- **Increased mobility on NSW VIC border** [READ MORE](#)
- **NSW Government's \$3 billion Jobs and Infrastructure Acceleration Fund** [READ MORE](#)
- **More than 100,000 people to be provided training for jobs of the future** [READ MORE](#)
- **NSW introduces Pandemic Leave Disaster Payments** [READ MORE](#)
- **NSW Launches COVID safe summer plan** [READ MORE](#)
- **A six-month extension will be put in place for NSW residential tenants and landlords experiencing financial hardship during COVID-19.** [READ MORE](#)
- **COVID-19 restrictions eased 13th October 2020** [READ MORE](#)
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- **Life-saving dust laws pass NSW Parliament** [READ MORE](#)
- **New mandatory standards for building rectification** [READ MORE](#)

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- NSW to reopen Victorian border [READ MORE](#)
- A building blitz of up to 1000 projects is about to start in hundreds of public schools as part of the new \$120 million Metro Renewal Program. [READ MORE](#)

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ACT - AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

- Rebates of \$150 on residential rates for Canberra households. These will be automatically applied to 2020-21 rates bills.
- Freeze on Government fees and charges, including the fire and emergency services levy, public transport, vehicle registration and parking fees. These will be automatically applied to 2020-21 rates bills.
- Rebate on the fixed charge for 2019-20 on commercial rates for properties with an AUV below \$2 million. Targeted at businesses who own their own premises.
- Interest free deferrals of payroll tax from 1 July 2020 for all businesses up to a payroll threshold of \$10 million. Businesses will need to complete a simple online application form (which will be available soon on the ACT Revenue Office website at: www.revenue.act.gov.au) to confirm their eligibility.
- The ACT Government is providing \$20 million to fast track infrastructure projects and maintenance on government-owned community, school and other buildings as well as suburb maintenance. The program will focus on: works that can start immediately, be undertaken using local suppliers and workers, and meet social distancing requirements. This fund will be utilised this financial year.
- The Government will provide more funding for the removal of dead trees, planting of new trees and maintenance of surrounding areas to redeploy existing government contractors impacted by event cancellations.
- Prioritised processing of development applications.
- The Government will delay the issuing of all general rates notices by four weeks, and push back payment dates by that time, to allow people eligible for Commonwealth assistance to start receiving it.

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- 'Homefront' survival package funding up to \$10,000 per artist will be available to support arts development and the sustainability of their arts practices over the next 6-9 months. A total of \$500,000 will be available for Canberra's artists and creatives. Applications will open on 30 March 2020 and will close on 17 April 2020 at 5pm. [MORE DETAILS](#)
- Electricity rebates: Small business owners with electricity usage below 100 megawatts per year will see rebates of \$750 automatically applied to their next electricity bill in around June or July 2020. The rebate will apply regardless of whether customers are on standing or market offers. You do not need to contact your electricity supplier as this will be automatically applied.
- Commercial property owners with an Average Unimproved Value of \$2 million or less on their property are eligible for a rebate on their commercial rates fixed charge. Commercial rate payers will receive a credit of \$2,622 (equivalent to the annual fixed charge) to their 2019-20 general rates, in quarter four. This will be applied automatically. Where rate payers have paid in full or have a quarter bill less than the credit, they will be eligible for a refund. Businesses will need to complete a simple online application form (which will be available soon on the [ACT Revenue Office website](#)) to apply for a refund.
- The ACT Government is relaxing parking restrictions in various areas of the city to support Canberrans to collect take away food and services from local restaurants and cafes. Signs will start going up in areas such as Braddon, Woden, Belconnen and Tuggeranong attached to the existing parking signs.
- **Jobs for Canberrans** - fund will allow ACT Government Directorates to continue employing people for cleaning, repairs and maintenance projects. This fund will focus on providing secure work opportunities for Canberrans who have relied on casual work and are not eligible for the Commonwealth's wage subsidy scheme.

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- ACT Government will encourage landlords to reduce rents by at least 25 per cent for tenants under rental stress by sharing the cost reduction of the rental on a 50/50 basis, capped at \$1,300 per quarter (around \$100 a week)
- Any owner occupier in the Territory experiencing hardship because of COVID-19 will be eligible for a deferral of their general household rates for 12 months. No interest will be applied to the deferred amount.
- Depending on the level of hardship commercial tenants are facing, landlords will be eligible to apply for a waiver or rebate on their commercial rates, tied to the rental relief passed onto their tenants.
- The construction industry is vital to the long-term economic survival of the nation's economy. While the sector is continuing to operate under physical distancing requirements, there may be impacts to the financial viability of construction businesses in the weeks and months ahead. To protect as many jobs as possible in the industry, the ACT Government is enabling businesses in the construction sector to access interest free payroll tax deferrals for six months.
- Tenants and Landlords package - a temporary ban on evictions, pausing rental increases for six months, and providing land tax relief for landlords and rent relief for tenants experiencing financial hardship. [READ MORE](#)
- Canberrans and local businesses have started work on new fast-tracked infrastructure and maintenance projects on significant Canberra venues. [READ MORE](#)
- Canberrans will be able to register and apply online for a variety of temporary short-term roles in a range of areas such as maintenance, cleaning, administration, customer service, public transport and logistics. [MORE DETAILS](#) WWW.TRADIEPAD.COM.AU

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- Applications are now open for the 2020-21 ACT Heritage Grants Program. Priorities for the 2020-21 round are conservation works, Conservation Management Plans and projects that enable the continued use of and access to heritage places and objects. Priority will be granted to conservation works for private residential dwellings. Applications close Friday 12 June 2020. Grant application forms and guidelines are available by phoning 13 22 81 or applying online www.environment.act.gov.au/heritage
- \$3 million package covering tree planting and maintenance, playground refreshes and public space maintenance as part of a stimulus package to support local businesses during COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)
- Local contractors are being called for to help deliver a purpose-built facility at Canberra Hospital. [READ MORE](#)
- The ACT Government has allocated \$365,000 to undertake solar and sustainability upgrades on public and community housing as part of the government's fast-tracked infrastructure projects to support the local economy. [READ MORE](#)
- ACT gradual easing of restrictions across a number of sectors coming into effect for the long-weekend [READ MORE](#)
- Public school solar batteries get fast tracked. [READ MORE](#)
- The Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission's (ICRC) final decision on regulated electricity prices in the ACT will see an average price decrease of 2.56 per cent from 1 July 2020. [READ MORE](#)

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- A further 100 Canberrans will gain employment with the ACT Public Service following another expansion of the Jobs for Canberrans Fund. [READ MORE](#)
- \$10 Million second phase of the Fast Tracked suburban infrastructure program has been announced. [READ MORE](#)
- A range of government fees and charges such as parking, business registration and development application fees will not increase in the 2020-21 financial year, recognising the pressures facing our community as we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- First day of operations for new and independent WorkSafe ACT [READ MORE](#)
- The new and independent WorkSafe ACT has begun operations on 1st July 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- ACT/Victoria travel restrictions from Wednesday 8th July [READ MORE](#)
- Green light for UNSW Canberra City campus [READ MORE](#)
- Registrations are now open for expressions of interest to join the ACT Heritage Council [READ MORE](#)
- The ACT Government will move to further crackdown on dodgy developers by establishing a team of public sector certifiers as part of our plan to restore confidence in the Territory's construction sector. [READ MORE](#)
- The moratorium period for COVID-19 impacted residential tenants has been extended for three months to 22 October 2020. In addition, COVID-19 impacted households will now be able to terminate their fixed-term tenancy agreements early, without penalty. [READ MORE](#)

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- The Government will invest \$8.8 million to improve the look and feel of the city with refresh works to local shopping centres and the city centre, new public toilets and increased maintenance activities [READ MORE](#)
- Advice on mask wearing & NSW Travel [READ MORE](#)
- A wellbeing call service, available to all Canberrans who would like to register, was launched today. The service is a partnership between the ACT Government and Red Cross and offers connection and support to Canberrans to help them maintain their wellbeing through regular conversation. It also provides locals with information about relevant activities and services available. [READ MORE](#)
- ACT Government expands nation-leading investment in social housing [READ MORE](#)
- The ACT Government has today released our Jobs and Economic Recovery Plan, outlining how our city can be supported to recover from this once in a life time economic shock. [READ MORE](#)
- Tax reform verdict: stronger Territory economy, increased production, household consumption and investment. [READ MORE](#)
- The ACT Government has reduced the risk of corrupt conduct in the electoral system by banning property developer donations to local political parties and candidates in the ACT. [READ MORE](#)
- The ACT's rich and unique heritage will be showcased and preserved through 21 new local projects with the support of Government grants. [READ MORE](#)

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- New landfill gas generators to power over 5,700 ACT households. [READ MORE](#)

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QLD - QUEENSLAND

- Payroll tax deferral available to all QLD businesses until 31 July 2020.
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- COVID-19 Job Support loans - to help affected businesses hold on to their staff, with up to \$250,000 in payments with 12 months interest free period. Call [QRIDA](#) on 1800 623 946 or via [EMAIL](#)
- The Mentoring for Growth program - 50 Mentors are available to provide tailored support including financial mentoring and business planning. Contact 1300 654 687 or m4g@desbt.qld.gov.au for more information.
- Financial resilience workshops - Small businesses can access a series of workshops to learn about financial management and business planning.
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4 BILLION RELIEF PACKAGE

- \$300 million household relief package will give QLD households \$200 off their utility bills, building on the \$50 asset dividend we have already announced
- Businesses specifically impacted by COVID-19 will receive a refund of two months' worth of payroll tax. Additionally, small and medium businesses a three-month payroll tax holiday, and a further six-month payroll tax deferral. This is in addition to the the payroll tax deferrals already announced. QLD businesses can apply for payroll tax relief via www.business.qld.gov.au

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- Up to \$500 million will be spent to assist workers who lose their job or income and to help them find jobs in the industries that are vital to getting us through this crisis – health care, agriculture, food production, transport, cleaning and mining.
- Six months relief for businesses renting government premises
- Essential workers can apply for a QLD/NSW border pass if their work require they need to cross the border. [APPLY HERE](#).
- Sole traders, small and medium businesses will get a \$500 rebate on their power bill. Any business consuming less than 100,000 kilowatt hours will receive the rebate, automatically applied on business electricity bills.
- Queensland school students will be learning at home for the first five weeks of Term 2, with schools only open for the children of essential workers. [READ MORE](#)
- Queenslanders looking for work can upload information on their skills and work experience to jobsfinder.qld.gov.au, to be matched to available jobs and free online training courses.
- From 11.59pm Friday, May 1, Queenslanders will be able to leave their homes for recreation and the distance they can travel has been extended. [READ MORE](#)
- 15 free online TAFE courses offered through the new Jobs Finder portal. [READ MORE](#)

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- Australia's largest solar farm to be built near Chinchilla, creating up to 400 jobs and 400MW of renewable energy. [READ MORE](#)
- Queenslanders will not pay payroll tax on the Federal Government's JobKeeper payments. [READ MORE](#)
- Premier maps road to easing QLD restrictions. [READ MORE](#)
- Household Resilience Program has been extended. The program provides grants to support people in cyclone affected areas to improve the resilience of their homes. [READ MORE](#)
- Tens of millions worth of infrastructure investment will fuel the economic recovery of regional and remote Queensland, with 48 new council projects backed by the Palaszczuk Government's \$365 million Building our Regions (BoR) program. [READ MORE](#)
- Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk has announced that, for this year only, People's Day will become the People's Long Weekend moving from Wednesday August 12 to Friday August 14. [READ MORE](#)
- Queenslanders will be able to undertake unlimited travel including overnight stays throughout the entire state from June 1 in a major easing of Covid-19 restrictions. [READ MORE](#)
- The north and north-west reaches of Queensland will benefit from an almost \$16 million investment to rebuild infrastructure damaged by the 2019 monsoon trough. [READ MORE](#)
- **More than 1500 jobs will be supported by a \$1.4 billion road building boom in Central Queensland being delivered by the Palaszczuk Government.** [READ MORE](#)

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- e-commerce giant Amazon will build a multi-million dollar hub in Brisbane. construction will start immediately creating more than 170 construction jobs + additional 200 jobs once up and running by Christmas. [READ MORE](#)
- Travel restrictions for Queensland's remote and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities will ease further today (June 12) [READ MORE](#)
- Small Business COVID-19 Adaption Grant: Round 2 opens 1 July 2020. Prepare your application now for up to \$10,000 funding. [READ MORE](#)
- More than \$1.17 million in construction projects will revitalise regional TAFE campuses [READ MORE](#)
- \$267M Building boost to benefit tradies, regions and more [READ MORE](#)
- \$50 million boost for SE Queensland councils to build new and upgraded infrastructure which will create 750 jobs [READ MORE](#)
- \$23 million Renewable Energy Training Facility gets green light to create jobs [READ MORE](#)
- further and faster easing of restrictions across Queensland from 12 noon, Friday July 3, including a clear plan to manage our borders going forward [READ MORE](#)
- Land tax relief rebate application deadline will be extended for four months until 31 October 2020.
- Qld COVID-19: Border pass applications open except for visits from Victoria [READ MORE](#)

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- As of 1am, Saturday August 8, QLD border will close to NSW and ACT. All visitors will be denied entry except for rare exemptions, and returning Queenslanders will have to pay for 14 days mandatory hotel quarantine. [READ MORE](#)
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- Moratorium on commercial lease evictions extended to end of 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- Meanwhile Queensland borders will reopen to the ACT from 1.00am on Friday, September 25
- Millions of dollars in cluster fencing grants support recovery in the regions [READ MORE](#)
- Queensland expands New South Wales border zone from 1st Oct [READ MORE](#)
- Restrictions update 2nd October 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- Queenslanders now able to access Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment. [READ MORE](#)

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- Freeze will be placed on household fees and charges, including electricity, water, motor vehicle charges, the emergency services levy and public transport fares until July 2021.
- \$1 million payroll tax threshold brought forward by six months to July 1, 2020
- Small and medium sized businesses affected by COVID-19 can now apply to defer payment of their 2019-20 payroll tax until July 21, 2020. The deferral is available to employers who pay \$7.5 million or less in Australian Taxable Wages and have been directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19. **READ MORE**
- Energy Assistance Payment (EAP) doubled to \$600 for eligible concession card-holders
- Payroll tax paying businesses with a payroll between \$1 million and \$4 million will receive a one-off grant of \$17,500
- Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can defer payroll tax payments until July 21, 2020
- From 9pm on Thursday March 26, 2020, access will be restricted into the following regions: Kimberley (comprising all four local government areas); Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku; Parts of the Shire of East Pilbara that encompass the communities of Jigalong, Martu homeland communities and Kiwirrkurra. any person who is outside a designated region can only enter that region if that person: is providing essential services or supplies; or has been quarantined from the general public for the previous 14 days. For more information, visit <http://www.wa.gov.au/aboriginalcommunities>

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- From midnight Tuesday 31st March 2020 restrictions will be placed on travel within the entire State of Western Australia. Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued.
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- Expenditure relief for WA's mining exploration industry [READ MORE](#)
- **'Here for WA'** campaign - will allow workers seeking employment in regional WA to register their interest and connect with regional employers, labour hire companies and recruitment businesses looking for casual, skilled and unskilled workers.
- Police enforcement squad to patrol streets and ensure compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. \$1,000 fines to be issued immediately for disobeying self-isolation and gathering directives
- From Monday, March 30 until April 9, Western Australian TAFE will put a temporary pause in face-to-face delivery of most courses. Lecturers and non-teaching staff will prepare to move to a new style of training in Term 2. [MORE DETAILS](#)
- **\$159 million COVID-19 Relief Fund** - \$59 million immediately available for crisis relief for organisations helping people experiencing hardship as well as for community groups impacted by event cancellations. Eligible not-for-profit organisations and community groups can apply immediately for grant support by visiting <http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants> or by calling 133 777.

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- Western Australians who are experiencing hardship because of COVID-19 now have greater access to legal support, with Legal Aid WA increasing its services in the community. More information can be found at <https://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au> or by calling the Legal Aid Infoline on 1300 650 579.

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Household assistance

- Eligibility for the Energy Assistance Payment boost has been expanded until September 30, 2020. This doubles the amount of the EAP per year to \$610 and provides a boost to Western Australians affected by COVID-19. This ensures that any person unemployed due to COVID-19 who becomes eligible for a concession card will receive an upfront \$305 credited against their electricity bill (from May 11, 2020) and up to a further \$305 credited over the course of the next year. EAP boost payments for Western Australians, eligible as at March 16, 2020 have been brought forward to this financial year rather than being paid from July 1, 2020 providing relief sooner to WA households.
- No households in Western Australia experiencing financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 will have their power or water disconnected. In addition, as of tomorrow no interest will be charged on deferred bill payments for those experiencing COVID-19-related financial hardship. This applies to Synergy and Horizon Power customers.

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- Households that are directly or indirectly impacted by COVID-19 may also apply for an interest-free payment arrangement and for late payment penalties to be waived for transfer duty, landholder duty, vehicle licence duty or land tax.
- Keystart customers facing financial hardship due to COVID-19 can apply to defer principal repayments and waive interest costs by up to six months. Assistance will be assessed on a case-by-case basis in line with Keystart's Hardship Assessment policy. This will mean, for example, a customer borrowing \$350,000 over a 30-year loan can defer estimated repayments of \$10,690 over six months, or \$1,781 per month. The interest saving over a six-month period would be around \$7,000 for newly established loans.

Small and medium-sized business assistance

- Electricity bills will be reduced, with a one-off \$2,500 credit available for Synergy and Horizon Power customers that consume less than 50 megawatt hours (MWh) per annum. The credit is available for current customers (as of March 31, 2020) and will be allocated from May 1, 2020.
- Payroll tax will be waived for 4 months between March 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020 for small-to-medium sized businesses with Australia-wide annual wages of less than \$7.5 million in 2019-20. The payroll tax waiver announced today replaces the payroll tax deferral already announced for particular small-to-medium sized businesses.

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- Wide range of licence fees waived for small and medium-sized businesses in COVID-19 impacted industries for the next 12 months. This includes licences for building services, plumbers and electricians; tourism businesses operating in national and marine parks; boat registration and mooring fees for commercial fishers; commercial fisheries licences and other statutory planning fees.
- Businesses impacted by COVID-19 can also apply for an interest-free payment arrangement and for late payment penalties to be waived for payroll tax, transfer duty, landholder duty, vehicle licence duty or land tax.
- No small businesses facing financial difficulty due to COVID-19 will face power or water disconnections due to late payments. In addition, no interest will be charged on deferred bill payments. For electricity, this will apply to Synergy and Horizon Power customers who consume 50MWh or less.
- Western Australian subbies and small businesses will have greater protection against mistreatment with the passing of new laws. Under the new laws, the Small Business Commissioner has greater powers to investigate improper behaviour such as price gouging and late or non-payments of insurance claims or denial of claims. [READ MORE](#)
- From 11.59pm Thursday 2nd April 2020, new boundaries, in line with the four local government areas (shires of Broome, Derby West Kimberley, Wyndham East Kimberley, Halls Creek) within the Kimberley region will be in place. People must stay in their local government area. The existing exemptions apply, such as provision of essential services or supplies, freight, medical reasons or compassionate grounds. [READ MORE](#)

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- **Border closure** on the State of Western Australia effective from midnight, or 11.59pm, on Sunday, April 5, people will no longer be able to enter Western Australia without an exemption.
- Changes to Western Australia's strata law will be introduced on May 1, 2020 to better support the thousands of Western Australians who own, live in or want to buy strata properties. For more information about the changes, visit <http://www.strata.wa.gov.au> or call Landgate's customer service on (08) 9273 7373.
- Evolve Bayswater Alliance (Coleman Rail) was identified as the preferred proponent to build the major METRONET project, which is set to support more than 350 jobs. **MORE DETAILS**
- Western Australian businesses will be exempt from paying payroll tax on the Commonwealth's \$1,500-a-fortnight JobKeeper wage subsidy. **MORE DETAILS**
- Local Planning Schemes - Regulatory changes came into effect on 3 April 2020 in response to the current State of Emergency for the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. These exemptions will remain in effect until 90 days after the end of the State of Emergency. **EXEMPTIONS**
- **Pandemic Leave** - Two weeks' unpaid pandemic leave to all private sector employees plus employees can now take annual leave at half pay and in advance. **READ MORE**

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- Australian Capital Equity and Munderoo Group named preferred proponents to progress a \$218 million revitalisation of the East Perth Power Station precinct [READ MORE](#)
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- Easing of some of WA's stage 3 restrictions effective Monday, April 27 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- TAFE colleges prepared for a new blended delivery style in response to COVID-19 [READ MORE](#)
- Major projects fast-tracked to support jobs during COVID-19 [READ MORE](#)
- Clean energy projects will be eligible for funding of between \$250,000 and \$2 million per project, with the State Government funding up to 25 per cent of eligible project costs. [READ MORE](#)
- South-West businesses invited to help transform Bunbury Waterfront. [READ MORE](#)

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- The Department of Finance will fast-track payments to suppliers for invoices of under \$1 million as part of a new initiative that will provide additional support for Western Australian businesses during and after the COVID-19 pandemic. [READ MORE](#)
- Residential and small business ratepayers who are suffering financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic will not be charged interest on overdue rates in 2020-21. The maximum interest rate payable by all ratepayers has also been reduced. [READ MORE](#)
- New legislation introduced into Parliament to provide a simpler and more consistent Government procurement framework. [READ MORE](#)
- Rio Tinto Iron Ore's commitment of \$50,000 to fund the upskilling of apprentices displaced during the COVID-19 pandemic
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- Specific rate royalties applied to minerals used by Western Australia's building and construction sector will remain at their current levels and not increase for the next five-years commencing July 1, 2020. [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government is bringing forward funds earmarked in a \$150 million housing investment package to help maintain a pipeline of work for local tradies and building businesses. [READ MORE](#)
- Major reforms to simplify Western Australia's planning system and boost the State's economic recovery from COVID-19 will be introduced to Parliament on 20th May. [READ MORE](#)

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- Major METRONET project construction contracts awarded. Evolve Bayswater Alliance (Coleman Rail) has been awarded the contract to design and build the new METRONET Bayswater Station project. Western Australian company Decmil will also be a contributor on the Bayswater project. Meanwhile, Downer EDI has been awarded the contract to remove the Denny Avenue level crossing [READ MORE](#)
- Tender released to build MRI suite at Kalgoorlie Health Campus [READ MORE](#)
- Western Power community battery unlocks Kalgoorlie's solar future [READ MORE](#)
- From Friday, May 29 the regional boundaries will be lifted except for regions that are bound by the Commonwealth's designated biosecurity determination and 274 remote Aboriginal communities. [READ MORE](#)
- Phase 3 of COVID-19 roadmap to commence from Saturday, June 6 [READ MORE](#)
- Fees scrapped to support more than 3,000 displaced apprentices for 6 months. [READ MORE](#)
- The Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) is inviting governments to apply to use cash contributions collected from developers to undertake improvement works on open space, community facilities and infrastructure. [READ MORE](#)
- New \$444 million housing stimulus for Western Australia [READ MORE](#)

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- The McGowan Labor Government has announced a \$125 million Building Bonus package to ramp up activity in the residential building sector, stimulate the economy and support around 2,600 local jobs. [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government's Social Housing Economic Recovery package will see 1,500 public and community houses refurbished, a rolling maintenance program targeting 3,800 regional dwellings and the delivery of about 250 new homes to help meet Western Australia's social housing needs. [READ MORE](#)
- The State Government is calling for proposals from qualified, experienced and financially capable builders to be part of a new Design and Construct and/or Housing Refurbishment Builders Panel. [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government has launched a Pilbara business register to allow local businesses to register their interest in working on the \$121.5 million Spoilbank Marina project. [READ MORE](#)
- \$223 million to unlock hundreds of local infrastructure jobs [READ MORE](#)
- Phase 4 of the WA roadmap to relax COVID-restrictions further starts Saturday, June 27 [READ MORE](#)
- From September 1, drivers caught holding or touching their phone to make a voice call when it is not mounted in a cradle will receive an increased penalty of \$500 and three demerit points. [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government has today announced \$10 million for purchase of essential equipment and home modifications to support Western Australians with disability or a medical condition. [READ MORE](#)

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- MyLeave changes for construction employers - levy reduced to 0.01% for six months [READ MORE](#)
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- WA small businesses to receive \$17,500 grant to assist during COVID-19 [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government will implement changes to procurement of works contracts from today (July 22) to make it easier for local businesses to work with government agencies. [READ MORE](#)
- Western Australian home builders can now apply online for up to \$45,000 in government grants, with the release of a joint application form for the Building Bonus and HomeBuilder grants. [READ MORE](#)
- \$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan launched to get WA back on track [READ MORE](#)
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- \$300 million investment in sport and community infrastructure [READ MORE](#)
- Aboriginal communities to receive \$38.9 million water service upgrades [READ MORE](#)
- \$17 million for new trades workshop at South Regional TAFE's Albany campus [READ MORE](#)
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- Building for Tomorrow program a key feature of economic recovery [READ MORE](#)
- The McGowan Government has unveiled a \$252.3 million package for the South-West region, as part of the WA Recovery Plan, to drive economic and social recovery and create a pipeline of local jobs. [READ MORE](#)
- Construction of ONE Subiaco will be undertaken by Multiplex and will create and support 1,650 jobs and a pipeline of work with hundreds of direct and indirect jobs once the project is built. [READ MORE](#)
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- Free training linked to hundreds of construction job opportunities [READ MORE](#)
- Building Bonus extension to provide WA job certainty [READ MORE](#)
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NT - NORTHERN TERRITORY

- **Home Improvement Scheme** - \$60 million scheme for physical improvements to land and / or buildings, and repairs and maintenance services in Territory homes over the next 12 months. The scheme operates on a voucher system, with homeowners receiving either a voucher worth \$4,000 if they contribute at least \$1,000 of their own money, or a voucher worth \$6,000 if they contribute at least \$2,000 of their own money. Territorians will have until 5pm Friday 17 April to get their applications in to be considered for the vouchers.. To lodge a Home Improvement Scheme application visit: <https://businessrecovery.nt.gov.au/home-owners>
- **Business Improvement Grant** - All Territory businesses will be able to access a \$10,000 grant, followed by an additional \$10,000 grant if they contribute \$10,000 of their own. Each business is only eligible to receive one grant, and it can be used to complete one or two different jobs on their premises. The grant can be used to purchase goods and services to make permanent physical improvements to a business (land and / or building) that help improve its efficiency and customer experience. Registrations for businesses to provide services open 30 March 2020. Businesses can apply for a grant from 13 April 2020. **READ MORE**
- **Immediate Work Grant** - Grants of up to \$100,000 will be given to not-for-profit and community organisations to engage local businesses to do repairs, renovations and upgrades to their property and facilities. The first \$50,000 will be paid as a grant, and the NT Government will also match any renovation costs that exceed \$50,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to a maximum of \$100,000 total. Registrations for businesses to provide services open 30 March 2020. Grant applications open 20 April 2020. **READ MORE**

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- **Small Business Survival Fund** - the fund will deliver grants to help keep businesses alive, even when they have to shut. There are two payments available: the Immediate Survival Payment and the Rapid Adaption Payment. [READ MORE](#)
- **Freeze on government fees and charges** - All regular increases to government fees and charges will be put on hold.
- **Payroll tax exemption** for hiring Territory employees has been extended to 30 June 2021. [MORE INFO](#)
- A fast-tracked infrastructure program is being delivered and further opportunities to bring projects forward are also being explored.
- Free and practical business advice for businesses available through the Business Enterprise Centre on **1800 229 500**.
- **Immediate Survival Payment** - A \$2,000 - \$50,000 payment directed to businesses to help offset immediate cost pressures and provide time to plan. Business will provide a certified financial/payroll statement identifying number of employees pre-shutdown. Assessment of eligibility criteria includes demonstrating the impact of the restrictions on the business, including reduction in turnover, impact of fixed costs and employment reduction. [READ MORE](#)

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- **Rapid Adaption Payment** - A payment of up to \$1000 for sole traders and up to \$5000 for other eligible businesses to offset costs incurred in adapting current business model to suit restrictions. Application based, paid direct to business. Applications close 1 May 2020. [APPLY HERE](#) After this time businesses have full access to Improvement and Immediate Works grants under the Jobs Rescue and Recovery package. [READ MORE](#)
- Tradies and contractors can register now at the [Business Recovery website](#) to provide works through the Home Improvement Scheme, Business Improvement Grants and Immediate Work Grants. To get involved tradies and contractors must [register their details online](#). Once tradies and contractors are registered they will be contacted by businesses, not-for-profits and homeowners when applications for the programs open. Find out more here: businessrecovery.nt.gov.au
- **Territory Jobs Hub** - a platform to help workers in the Territory who have been impacted by the coronavirus, find other jobs quickly. It will also help Territory businesses that need people, connect with those looking for work – including casual and contract work.
- **\$10.8 million classroom stimulus program** - government will fund building 15 new pre-fabricated classrooms. The stimulus includes a modest allowance for demolition of buildings considered beyond economic repair and these new buildings will replace them
- The Northern Territory planning rules have been temporarily lifted so that there will be no need for the lodgement of an application for almost all works under the Planning Act 1999 before getting a building permit, to start construction on projects related to the Business Improvement Scheme and Home Improvement Scheme. [READ MORE](#)

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- The Territory Labor Government will deliver **\$180 million in additional support** to Territory businesses that demonstrate substantial hardship due to the coronavirus crisis as part of our Jobs Rescue and Recovery Plan. This includes abolishing payroll tax for six months for smaller and medium-sized businesses, and defer it for six months for large businesses; and Slash power, water and sewerage bills by 50 per cent for businesses for six months (for regulated utility tariffs). This support will be effective for six months from 1 April, and businesses can apply from 1 May.
- **Worker and wellbeing Fund** - will focus on local Territorian workers who are not eligible for Centrelink benefits and are experiencing unemployment, reduced income or are otherwise affected within the workplace by COVID-19. Services include access to counselling support services, helping people access income and other financial support available, supporting workers who have lost their job find new employment opportunities and helping Territorians who need access to accommodation and other essentials. **MORE INFO**
- An Expressions of Interest (EOI) seeking a private proponent to develop and operate a senior's lifestyle accommodation village in Alice Springs will open this week. Applications for the Alice Springs Seniors Lifestyle Accommodation will open on Friday 24 April 2020 and close on 29 May 2020. Register your interest here: **business.nt.gov.au/aliceseniors**
- Along with the City of Darwin, the Territory Government is releasing a tender of works in the coming week for the design, development and construction of a dedicated space to support community activities and events, such as street parties and festivals, along Austin Lane and Spain Place in the Darwin CBD. **READ MORE**

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- Construction to Begin This Year on the Darwin City Deal Educational Precinct. [READ MORE](#)
- The Kilgariff Estate in Alice Springs has now reached its second stage of development. Around 200 local Territory jobs will be generated from the subdivision construction and house building activity during development of Stage 2. [READ MORE](#)
- Chief Minister Michael Gunner has laid out the Territory's Roadmap to the New Normal – getting the NT back in business, back to work, and back to enjoying our great Territory lifestyle. [READ MORE](#)
- Business Hardship Package Applications are now open. [LEARN MORE](#)
Last updated: 25th May 2020
- The COVID-19 safety plan checklist for businesses and organisations as part of the Roadmap to the New Normal is available [HERE](#)
- State Square Masterplan Underway. More than 50 Territory jobs will be supported during this project, with 26 subcontractors also receiving a slice of the works. [READ MORE](#)
- The Northern Territory Government will match \$400,000 in Federal Government funding to deliver low cost infection control training to Territory businesses [READ MORE](#)
- The Territory Government is today announcing the initial membership of the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission. [READ MORE](#)

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- New applications to the the Small Business Survival Fund have closed as of 25th May 2020.
- Rebound Support Grants are now available to businesses who are approved applicants under the Small Business Survival Fund or approved to be on the Business Hardship register. Grants range between \$1,000 and \$5,000, depending on the number of full time equivalent staff businesses had prior to the COVID-19 shutdown. A further \$10,000 is also available if the business also contributes \$10,000. [READ MORE](#)
- The Territory Labor Government is investing \$1.65 million in acoustics upgrades for NT classrooms, as part of its COVID-19 education stimulus program to support local jobs [READ MORE](#)
- Alice Springs CBD Revitalisation Design Concepts Released- 4 work tenders to be released [READ MORE](#)
- \$53 Million to Unlock Infrastructure Jobs in the NT [READ MORE](#)
- New planning amendment bill passed [READ MORE](#)
- Developer Greenspace Group has been awarded the contract to construct the new John Stokes Square Residential Precinct including 78 new public housing apartments in Nightcliff. [READ MORE](#)
- NT construction companies, Northern Transportables, PTM Group, NT Link and Murray River North have been awarded contracts totalling nearly \$69 million to build, transport and assemble 134 houses and duplexes. [READ MORE](#)

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- Tenders were awarded to Tennant Creek builders, GK Painting Contractors and Alice Springs-based company, Asbuild NT for Ten new homes will be built in Tennant Creek as part of the NT Government's \$100 million public housing stimulus program. [READ MORE](#)
- Local Business-Boosting Voucher Scheme Extended [READ MORE](#)
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For further information contact the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation by phone 1800 193 111 or email businessinfo@nt.gov.au

You can register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment using myGov. You don't need to complete a full claim right now. Payments will be backdated to the date you registered. [MORE INFO](#)

Territory Jobs Hub visit: <https://business.nt.gov.au/jobs-hub>

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- **Payroll Tax Waivers:** Payroll tax liabilities will be waived for hospitality, tourism and seafood industry Small/medium businesses with an annual payrolls less than \$5 million will pay no payroll tax for the entire 2019-20 year. This will include refunds and waivers to provide cash where it is required now.
- Government agencies terms of trade for payments will be reduced from 30 days to 14 days.
- **Government Maintenance Program:** \$50 million allocated to fast track maintenance on public buildings over the next 12 months. This will provide an injection into local trades around the state and continue to support confidence in local communities.
- **Small Business Grants Program for Apprenticeships and Traineeships:** \$5,000 grant for businesses that hire an apprentice or trainee in the tourism, hospitality, building and construction, and manufacturing industries.
- **Youth Employment Scheme:** The Scheme provides a payroll tax rebate for one year, to businesses that employ a young person aged 24 and under, between April and December 2020.
- **Emergency Relief Payments:** One-off payments of \$250 for individuals or up to \$1,000 for families, for those who are required by Public Health to self-isolate as a result of the coronavirus. Eligibility includes those with a Health Care Card or a Pensioners Concession Card and those on low incomes who can demonstrate a need for financial support, including casual workers.

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- **Emergency Relief Package:** \$1 million over the next three months will be provided to organisations such as the Salvation Army, Red Cross and Rural Business Tasmania to support vulnerable Tasmanians who are self-isolated and help support households and workers impacted by the virus.
- **Interest Free Business Loans for Small Business:** \$50 million in interest free loans to small businesses in the hospitality, tourism, seafood production, and exports sectors. The loans will be available to businesses with a turnover of less than \$10 million to purchase equipment or restructuring business operations and will be interest free, for three years. For more information or assistance with your application call Business Tasmania on 1800 440 026 or email ask@business.tas.gov.au Applications are available on the Business Tasmania website: <https://www.business.tas.gov.au/covid-19-business-support-packages>
- **Human Resource and Industrial Relations Assistance:** \$80,000 will be provided to the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (TCCI) to provide Human Resources and Industrial Relations assistance associated with the coronavirus to businesses.
- **Supporting Primary Healthcare:** \$2 million for additional support for our primary health care providers. This funding will ensure our health workers, including GPs, will have the resources needed to look after the community at this critical time.
- **Accommodation Support for frontline workers:** \$1 million will be available for accommodation for frontline workers if they need to stay away from home, in circumstances where their family members are ill. This way, they can continue to contribute to our response in a safe way.

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- **Mental Health Support:** \$4 million will be provided for Mental Health Programs provided by community organisations to support individuals experiencing mental health difficulties as a result of the issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Accommodation Support:** \$1 million emergency accommodation support fund available for individuals/families placed on home quarantine but who are unable to return to their regular place of residence due to self-isolation measures.
- Freeze, waive or cap Government fees and charges for small businesses, including water and electricity
- Waive the roads component of motor tax and vehicle registration where a business has been significantly impacted by measures taken to manage COVID-19;
- Rapid Response Skills Initiative will provide up to \$3,000 for individuals to gain skills / licences to rapidly retrain for new roles. Businesses that have immediate job needs and opportunities available, will be able to access a job-ready pool, including to match people to our immediate priority skills needs, such as in health and retail industries.
- To ensure a steady supply of screw-driver and paint-brush ready projects, the Government has extended the Local Government Loan Scheme from \$50 million to \$150 million.
- An extra \$1 million to increase provisions of the No Interest Loan Scheme (NILS) to support low income families obtain affordable finance for goods and services;

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- Provide Business Continuity Advice with \$750,000 in funding made available for businesses to seek cashflow and continuity advice, including a \$50,000 grant to Small Business Council of Tasmania. A further \$200,000 will be provided to the THA to provide business continuity and cashflow advice, and \$200,000 will be provided to Rural Business Tasmania for the extension of its Rural Financial Counselling service.
- \$40 million Small Business Grants Program with \$20 million set aside for emergency grant support and \$20 million for larger grants payments will also be available
- Freeze payment of the Community Fire levy next financial year.
- Waive school levies for this year at a cost of \$13 million this calendar year. For those who have already paid their schools levies, the Government will arrange for these to be refunded.
- The Government will not increase rent for social housing tenants, and will not count federal Government emergency payments as income for the purposes of calculating rent contributions to leave more money in the hands of low income households, and in local economies at a cost of around \$6.7 million. The Government will also increase funding to the Private Rental Incentive Scheme by up to 75 houses to increase the pool of available houses. The Government will also do its part, and will provide casual workers in the state sector with two weeks special leave if they are required to self-isolate.
- Trade supply stores open to trade customers only for a period of 14 days from 12th April 2020 in Latrobe, Kentish, Devonport, Central Coast, Burnie, Waratah-Wynyard, Circular Head and West Coast.
- Digital Ready coaching service at www.digitalready.tas.gov.au or by calling 1800 955 660

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- Digital Ready for Business Program, to assist businesses take their business online. [MORE INFO](#)
- Land tax for 2020-21 on commercial property owners financially impacted by the COVID-19 response will be waived, where the tax is paid by the business owner
- **Changes to residential tenancies** - tenants living at their rental property cannot be evicted by their landlord for rent arrears or expiry of a lease for at least the next three months. If tenants cannot pay their rent, they should, in the first instance, talk to their landlord to see if rent is able to be reduced. For further advice, they can call 1300 555 727 [MORE INFO](#)
- **Round 2 of the Emergency Grants** are now open (8th April 2020), with grants of \$2,500 available to those businesses under severe hardship and who have not yet received funding under the first round. For the purpose of this Round, the definition of small business has been lifted to having less than 25 FTE employees, and the eligibility is no longer limited to targeted areas but is available to any business experiencing severe hardship that meets the criteria of a loss in revenue of greater than 30 per cent.
- The Tasmanian Liberal Government has created a Civil, Commercial and Residential Construction Industry Forum of more than 30 peak bodies and other key stakeholders to engage on relevant COVID-19 matters. [LEARN MORE](#)

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- **Small Business Hardship Grant**, where \$20 million has been allocated to provide one-off grants of \$15,000 to those businesses who have been highly impacted by the COVID 19 restrictions and experiencing significant hardship. To be eligible for the Hardship Grant, businesses must demonstrate severe hardship, show they are able to operate in the current environment and provide necessary products and services to the community, or are in strong positions to continue to support local jobs and economic growth into the recovery phase. Applications for the grants will be individually assessed on a case-by-case basis, with payments to be made to approved applications as quickly as possible. All applicants are recommended to register for the Australian Government's JobKeeper payment.
- Tenders called to construct new gateway to Southwest National Park **LEARN MORE**
- The Tasmanian Government is supporting Tasmanians through the challenges of coronavirus and will waive payroll tax on JobKeeper payments made by employers of Tasmanians. **READ MORE**
- Tasmanian Government providing an extra \$20 million for small business **READ MORE**
- The Tasmanian Government has established a PPE supply register to assist Tasmanian businesses needing Personal Protective Equipment in order to continue operating safely. **READ MORE**
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- Tasmania HomeBuilder Grant Guidelines [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania reaches zero active cases and brings forward easing of restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- A Skills RoundTable will be held next Wednesday 1 July focusing on the skills needed to support the Tasmanian Government's \$3.1 billion Rebuilding Tasmania Construction Blitz plan. [READ MORE](#)
- June 26th Further COVID-19 restrictions to ease [READ MORE](#)
- The Morrison Government is contributing \$34.3 million and the Tasmanian Liberal Government is contributing \$11.7 million for this new package of nine infrastructure projects. [READ MORE](#)
- \$10 million building maintenance for our health system [READ MORE](#)
- Outstanding Tasmanian Government school levies waived from 2019 and prior [READ MORE](#)
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- The Tasmanian Government is calling for tenders to construct a second lookout within Freycinet National Park overlooking Wineglass Bay. [READ MORE](#)
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- Funding for Electro trades expansion [READ MORE](#)
- Statewide planning scheme now operational in Burnie [READ MORE](#)
- From 7 August we intend to create safe-travel-bubbles with South Australia, the Northern Territory and Western Australia. [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmanian businesses will soon be able to access no or low-cost infection control training for customer-facing workers as part of the Tasmanian Government's new Infection Control Training Fund. [READ MORE](#)
- New COVID-19 Small Business funding includes \$17 million in grants that will directly help our local operators, and \$3 million to enhance existing small business support programs and provide additional mental health support. [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmania will not be opening their borders to other states until at least 31 August. [READ MORE](#)
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- Round 2 of the Small Business Continuity Grant program will be opening at 12 noon on Monday 10 August 2020 [READ MORE](#)
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- Recognising the vital importance of our vocational and training industry [READ MORE](#)
- Tasmanian workers are now eligible for a \$1,500 Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment if they cannot work because they need to self-isolate or quarantine. [READ MORE](#)
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- October is WorkSafe Month and this year it has moved online in response to COVID-19. [READ MORE](#)
- Easing of border restrictions with South Australia, Western Australia, the Northern Territory, Queensland, the ACT and possibly NSW from 26 October. [READ MORE](#)
- Update on easing border restrictions with NSW 27th October [READ MORE](#)
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Housing Industry Association: <https://hia.com.au/covid-19>

Worksafe Tasmania: <https://worksafe.tas.gov.au/topics/Health-and-Safety/safety-alerts/coronavirus>

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Payroll Tax Refund

- Full payroll tax refunds for the 2019-20 financial year to small/medium-sized businesses with payroll of less than \$3 million
- Small/medium-sized businesses with payroll of less than \$3 million can defer any payroll tax for the first three months of the 2020/21 financial year until 1 January 2021

Land tax deferral

- Landowners that have at least one nonresidential property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million have the option of deferring their 2020 land tax payment until after 31 December 2020. The State Revenue Office will contact all taxpayers who are eligible for this deferral.

Working for Victoria Fund

- \$500 million Working for Victoria Fund to help workers who have lost their jobs find new opportunities. Businesses and workers can register at vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.
- Emergency relief packages will be delivered to Victorians self-isolating due to coronavirus (COVID-19) with no access to food and essential supplies. It will start from Monday 23 March and can be accessed by calling Victoria's dedicated coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398. The hotline can also refer people to other support services if needed.
- People are prohibited from organising or attending non-essential mass gatherings, or to allow them to occur on premises they own, control or operate. Venues that don't comply with these new directions on mass gatherings face fines of up to \$100,000. People who don't comply face fines of up to \$20,000. Trades are NOT affect under the stage 1 business restrictions.

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- The Government will pay all of their outstanding supplier invoices within five business days.
- Rent relief for commercial tenants in government buildings
- These Stage 3 restrictions will come into effect from 11:59pm Monday 30 March 2020. They will be in place for 4 weeks and reviewed as required. gatherings will be restricted to no more than 2 people except for members of your immediate household and for work or education. If people breach these directions, they face on-the-spot fines of \$1,652 for individuals and \$9,913 for businesses. Larger fines can also be issued through the courts.

\$500 million Business Support Fund

- Funding of \$10,000 per business is available and will be allocated through a grant process.
- eligible businesses must have been subject to closure or highly impacted by Non-Essential Activity Directions
- Employ people
- Have a turnover of more than \$75,000 and have payroll of less than \$650,000
- Hold an Australian Business Number (ABN) and held that ABN at 16 March 2020
- Have been engaged in carrying out the operation of the business in the Australian State of Victoria on 16 March 2020.
- **The Stay at Home directions (No 3)** came into force at midnight on 7 April 2020 and replace the Stay at home directions (No 2).

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- **Restricted activity directions (No 2)** restrictions on businesses and other organisations, and limit recreational, cultural and entertainment activities. These directions came into force at midnight on 7 April 2020.
- Victorian school students will be learning at home for the first weeks of Term 2, with schools only open for the children of essential workers. **READ MORE**
- Free Sessional Kinder For Victorian Kids **READ MORE**
- **\$500 million** Tenants and Landlords package - a temporary ban on evictions, pausing rental increases for six months, and providing land tax relief for landlords and rent relief for tenants experiencing financial hardship. **READ MORE**
- \$10,000 Business Support Fund grant criteria will be expanded to include businesses with a wages bill less than the payroll tax threshold of \$650,000 who are participating in the Commonwealth JobKeeper program, regardless of the sector they operate in. Eligibility for the fund will not be expanded to include sole traders, who are covered by JobKeeper. **READ MORE**
- Free Mediation Service For Commercial Tenancy Disputes **READ MORE**
- Kubale Constructions based in Warragul has been appointed as the head contractor to redevelop the Latrobe Youth Space, generating up to 50 onsite jobs. **READ MORE**
- Businesses participating in the JobKeeper scheme in Victoria will be exempt from payroll tax and the WorkCover premium on payments to their employees if their staff are currently stood down. **READ MORE**

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- Fast tracked planning for Rebuilding for Bushfire Affected Victorians. [READ MORE](#)
- Public sector casual workers will be eligible for their usual fortnightly payments of up to \$1500 before tax, up until the end of September, provided they are happy to be redeployed to other public sector roles where demand for more resources is high. [READ MORE](#)
- Targeted Support For Victorians Struggling With Energy Bills. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government is investing almost \$500 million to build and upgrade community and public housing as part of the Building Works package [READ MORE](#)
- \$48.4 million in water projects throughout Victoria that modernise irrigation, secure water supplies through recycling and stormwater use, assist with bushfire recovery and benefit the environment. [READ MORE](#)
- The biggest level crossing removal blitz in Victoria's history will be undertaken this winter, as work ramps up on major projects across the city [READ MORE](#)
- Victorian Government announces free online learning platform to help businesses upskill and emerge stronger. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has announced the gradual easing of restrictions throughout the state from 11:59pm Sunday 31 May 2020. [READ MORE](#)

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- The 24 new parks are to be delivered through the first round of the local parks component of the \$154 million Suburban Parks Program and will build 15 new pocket parks and nine off leash dog parks across Melbourne. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has fast tracked more than \$1.2 billion worth of building and development projects as part of its ongoing work to kickstart Victoria's economy and create thousands of jobs. [READ MORE](#)
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- the Government's Building Victoria's Recovery Taskforce had helped fast-track another seven projects, [READ MORE](#)

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- The Victorian Government has unveiled detailed plans for the new Arden precinct, confirming North Melbourne as a major inner-city hub for thousands of jobs, affordable housing and transport links. [READ MORE](#)
- Businesses that are operating within a postcode affected by the return to Stage 3 restrictions are eligible for a one-off, \$5,000 grant to help them get through to the other side of the local lockdown. This program closes 31 July 2020. [READ MORE](#)
- Up to \$5 million in Bushfire Grants To Upgrade And Rebuild Community Facilities [READ MORE](#)
- Stage 3 “Stay at Home” restrictions will be reinstated across metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire from 11:59pm on Wednesday 8 July. For six weeks, [READ MORE](#)
- Victorians living in metro Melbourne and Mitchell Shire are now recommended to wear face masks in situations where they are leaving their home and physical distancing is not possible [READ MORE](#)
- Return To Flexible And Remote Learning for Term 3 [READ MORE](#)
- Face Coverings Mandatory For Melbourne And Mitchell Shire [READ MORE](#)
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- The Victorian Government will extend the coronavirus worker support payment to encourage workers to get tested and stay home [READ MORE](#)

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- The online Victorian Major Projects Pipeline was launched today as a 'one-stop shop' to help the construction sector find more opportunities to be part of major project delivery across Victoria. [READ MORE](#)
- The Victorian Government has expanded the Solar Homes program so more renters and landlords across the state can access affordable rooftop energy with a Solar Homes rebate. [READ MORE](#)
- Cheaper Energy For Embedded Network Customers [READ MORE](#)
- From July 29 employers are required to notify WorkSafe immediately if they become aware that a worker has received a confirmed coronavirus diagnosis [READ MORE](#)
- From Sunday 2 August at 11:59pm, a face covering will be mandatory whenever you leave home.
- Melbourne Stage 4 restrictions until 13 September [READ MORE](#)
- Regional Victoria enters stage 3 stay at home restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Test Isolation Payment that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test. [READ MORE](#)
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- Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 Coronavirus (COVID-19) **Test Isolation Payment** that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test.
- If you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case, you may be eligible for the **\$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment** that provides financial support while you are quarantining at home as instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services.
- From 11:59pm on Wednesday 5 August, employers that require their staff to attend a work site must issue a worker permit to their employees – this is the employer’s responsibility. Download Permitted worker permit **here**
- CovidSafe plan templates and information **READ MORE**
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- The Victorian Government will release its reopening roadmap this Sunday, 6 September [READ MORE](#)
- Building Better Suburbs And Creating Local Jobs [READ MORE](#)
- Extension For Victorians Seeking Cladding Cost Claims [READ MORE](#)
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- Acceleration of more than \$1 billion worth of building and development projects set to create jobs and stimulate growth in metropolitan, rural and regional Victoria [READ MORE](#)
- The Government will waive the Vacant Residential Land Tax for properties that are vacant in 2020. [READ MORE](#)
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- Easing of restrictions 27th September [READ MORE](#)
- Year 7 students in metropolitan Melbourne will resume face-to-face learning from Monday 12 October. Students in Years 8 to 10 will return from Monday 26 October. [READ MORE](#)
- Cutting Red Tape For Small Construction Businesses. [READ MORE](#)
- Easing of restrictions 18th October 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- Easing of restrictions 25th October 2020 [READ MORE](#)
- Victoria To Build Southern Hemisphere's Biggest Battery. [READ MORE](#)
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Business Victoria coronavirus hotline on **13 22 15**.

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- Major new infrastructure maintenance projects including road and hospital upgrades [READ MORE](#)
- New tourism infrastructure
- Expanded Economic and Business Growth Fund to support local industry. Applicants can seek grants from \$50,000 up to \$2 million, with projects to be located within South Australia that offer outcomes and benefits for regional South Australia. Applications close 11 May 2020. [MORE INFO](#)
- One-off, \$200 payment for every child and young person in family-based care across the state.
- Business support package: One tax-free cash payment of up to \$100,000 for small and medium businesses to keep staff employed.
- SMEs will also have access to loans of up to \$250,000 taken out in the next 6 months from April 1, with the Commonwealth guaranteeing 50% of the loan.
- SA Government will provide a minimum payment of \$20,000 to all eligible businesses that pay wages.

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\$650M JOBS RESCUE PACKAGE

- \$300M Business and Jobs Support Fund will directly assist individual businesses and industry sectors facing potential collapse and the loss of thousands of jobs due to the ongoing impacts of coronavirus and necessary new restrictions to limit its spread.
- \$250M Community and Jobs Support Fund will assist Community organisations, such as sporting, arts and recreational bodies, non-profit organisations and some other industry sectors. This fund will also help with training of South Australians seeking new skills and employment and to assist organisations meet increased demand for services including emergency relief.
- One off boost of \$500 and bring forward the 2020-21 'Cost of Living Concession' for households who are receiving the Centrelink JobSeeker Payment.
- 6-month waiver for all businesses with an annual payroll (grouped) up to \$4 million. Eligible businesses won't have to pay any payroll tax from April to September
- Employers with grouped annual wages above \$4 million able to defer payroll tax payments for 6 months on demonstration of significant impacts on cash flow of coronavirus

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- From July, the Government's significant land tax reforms will start, delivering \$189m in savings to investors and landlords over the next three years. individuals and businesses with outstanding quarterly bills for 2019-20 able to defer payments for 6 months (up to 28,000 private land tax ownerships will benefit)
- For 2020-21 Land Tax Transition Fund relief will be increased from 50% to 100% based on existing relief criteria guidelines
- If a public servant has a family member who has lost their job and moved onto Commonwealth benefits, they will be able to receive their accrued leave down to a limit of 2 retained weeks (annual and long service leave)
- Red Cross Telecross REDi service - Vulnerable South Australians can opt to receive a free, daily potentially life-saving phone call checking on their welfare in response to COVID-19. register for the Telecross REDi COVID19 service by phone 1800 188 071 or register online at register.redcross.org.au
- SA businesses whose employees qualify for the Federal Government's historic \$1500-a-fortnight JobKeeper support payments will be exempt from paying any payroll tax on the wage subsidy. [READ MORE](#)

For more information, and how to apply to the Funds, please email:

**BusinessandJobsSupportFund@sa.gov.au
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- **\$10,000 emergency cash grants** - available to local small businesses that employ people in SA and have a turnover of more than \$75,000 or have a payroll of less than \$1.5 million, and not entitled to a payroll tax waiver under COVID19 support measures introduced by the State Government

*For more information and to register your interest businesses are urged to visit:
<https://www.treasury.sa.gov.au/Growing-South-Australia/COVID-19>
Applications for the grant will open shortly and be available until June 1, 2020*

- The State Government will partner with Catholic Education (CESA) to deliver an almost \$5 million expansion of the Rosewater Trade Training Centre. Work will be completed in time for new enrolments in Semester 2 next year. **MORE DETAILS**
- A new 20-storey complex will be built in Adelaide, creating up to 2,000 jobs during construction. The \$300 million new office building, will be delivered by Cbus Property Pty Ltd. **READ MORE**
- Almost 500 schools and preschools in South Australia will receive grants to undertake priority maintenance work, as part of a \$32 million State Government economic stimulus package to be rolled out this year. **READ MORE**
- SA Government offers land tax break to support tenants and landlords **READ MORE**
- The Marshall Government will provide rent relief for business tenants that have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions. **READ MORE**

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- New, COVID-19 Support Grants of up to \$10,000 available. [READ MORE](#)
- South Australian households and small businesses will receive substantial cuts to their electricity bills from July 1 this year. [READ MORE](#)
- \$1.8 million additional support program for bushfire affected businesses. [READ MORE](#)
- Construction is underway on the brand new B-12 school at Angle Vale, providing another major jobs boost for the state's construction industry. [READ MORE](#)
- Public housing maintenance stimulus to boost jobs, economy. [READ MORE](#)
- Hundreds of local construction jobs will be supported over the next 18 months at two major high school upgrades [READ MORE](#)
- South Australians now have until July 31 (instead of June) to confirm and update their land holdings, confirm and update company group information and notify the Government of land held on trust, in preparation for the introduction of \$70 million in land tax cuts next financial year. [READ MORE](#)
- South Australian residential tenants who are suffering significant financial hardship as a result of COVID-19 restrictions may now be eligible for rent relief through a \$1000 grant to their landlords. [READ MORE](#)
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- \$145 million to unlock infrastructure jobs in SA [READ MORE](#)

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- New Green Adelaide board to lead city-wide greening [READ MORE](#)
- The Landscape South Australia Act 2019 today replaces the Natural Resources Management Act 2004, as the exciting new framework to manage the state's soil, water, pest plants and animals, and biodiversity. [READ MORE](#)
- South Australian now has cheaper wholesale electricity than either Victoria or New South Wales for the first time in seven years. [READ MORE](#)
- Apprentice plumbers land work on SA's new school builds [READ MORE](#)
- New Planning and Design Code and new fee structure set to unlock development in SA [READ MORE](#)
- South Australian economy is set for an up to \$5.7 billion boost with around 1,300 jobs being created as a result of important infrastructure projects across South Australia [READ MORE](#)
- HomeBuilder applications now open [READ MORE](#)
- Harsher penalties for Covid-19 rule breakers including a maximum penalty of up to two years imprisonment for those who defy our strong border restrictions [READ MORE](#)
- COVID-19 land tax relief extension for landlords and tenants [READ MORE](#)
- From 21 August, further restrictions will apply to people wishing to enter South Australia from Victoria. [READ MORE](#)

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- South Australia's Virtual Power Plant to boost capacity [READ MORE](#)
- Planning to be fast-tracked on key infrastructure projects [READ MORE](#)
- \$3 million expansion of the Marshall Government's 'Starter Loan' scheme [READ MORE](#)
- COVID-19 land tax relief boost for landlords and tenants [READ MORE](#)
- New home sales surge to a 6-year high as confidence builds [READ MORE](#)
- The new 70-townhouse development, located in Henley Beach South, will support 270 jobs and is a partnership between the Marshall Liberal Government and community housing provider Unity Housing. [READ MORE](#)
- Prospective electrical refrigeration technicians are now able to complete both electrical and refrigeration/air conditioning qualifications concurrently. [READ MORE](#)
- The Marshall Government is investing \$60 million over the next two years to improve energy efficiency in government buildings [READ MORE](#)

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- New round of small business cash grants as \$4 billion in COVID-19 stimulus extends to sole traders. [READ MORE](#)

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