

LOCAL BUSINESS LINKS

Cardwell Chamber of Commerce		www.cardwellchamberofcommerce.org.au president@cardwellchamber.com.au	
Cassowary Coast Business Women's Network		www.ccbwn.org.au info@ccbwn.org.au	
Innisfail Chamber of Commerce		www.innisfailchamber.com.au secretary@innisfailchamber.com.au	
Tropical Coast Tourism		www.tropicalcoasttourism.com.au secretary@tropicalcoasttourism.com.au chairman@tropicalcoasttourism.com.au	
Tully Chamber of Commerce		www.tullychamber.com.au secretary@tullychamber.com.au	

NATIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Jobkeeper Package		https://www.ato.gov.au/general/JobKeeper-Payment	JobKeeper package offers a subsidy, up to \$1500 per fortnight for each employee, to eligible businesses to keep paying their staff. Employers and sole traders can register their interest in this program with the Australian Tax Office.
Australian Government – COVID19 directory	13 28 46	www.australia.gov.au https://www.business.gov.au/Email-us	The Australian Government has set up a team of dedicated customer representatives. 8am – 8pm across Australia through their Coronavirus business support service.
COVID19 financial support		https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus	The Government's economic support package of \$259 billion represents fiscal and balance sheet support across the forward estimates of 13.3 per cent of

			<p>annual GDP. Direct fiscal measures are equivalent to around 6.9 per cent of GDP.</p> <p>The Government's economic support package has provided timely support to affected workers, businesses and the broader community, and has kept Australians in work, and businesses in business.</p>
Boosting cash flow for Employers		https://www.business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers	Provides up to \$100,000 back to small and medium-sized businesses, with a minimum payment of \$20,000 for eligible businesses. The payment will be tax free
Supporting Apprentices and Trainees Measure		https://www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/node/3939	Eligible employers can apply for a wage subsidy of 50% of their apprentice's or trainee's wage paid during 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020
Additional Information for Sole Traders		https://www.business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/Support-for-sole-traders	Increased instant asset write off and accelerated depreciation measures for sole traders
Increased and Accelerated Income Support Payments for Sole Traders and Employees		https://business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/Increased-and-accelerated-income-support	This link includes examples and scenarios relating to Sole Traders and recently retrenched employees
Temporary relief for financially distressed businesses		https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet_Providing_temporary_relief_for_financially_distressed_businesses.pdf	The Government is temporarily increasing the threshold at which creditors can issue a statutory demand

Support for immediate cash flow needs for SME		https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2020-03/Fact_sheet-Supporting_the_flow_of_credit_1.pdf	Under the Coronavirus SME Guarantee Scheme, the Government will provide a guarantee of 50% to support short-term loans
Supporting individuals and households		https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/households	The Australian Government is providing financial assistance which includes income support, payments to households, temporary early release of superannuation
Early access to superannuation		https://www.ato.gov.au/General/Covid-19/support-for-individuals-and-employees/#Earlyreleaseofsuperannuation1	Sole traders or casual workers with an income or hours reduced by 20% or more, access up to \$10,000 of the superannuation tax-free
Rural Financial Counselling Service North QLD	07 4652 5669	https://www.agriculture.gov.au/ag-farm-food/drought/assistance/rural-financial-counselling-service/qld	Any Small Business impacted by COVID19 can now contact the Small Business Financial Counselling Service
Fair Work Australia – Workplace obligations and entitlements		https://www.fairwork.gov.au/	Help and advice for employers and employees with entitlements during this time
Centrelink		https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/centrelink	Social security payments and services to Australians
Australian Tax Office		https://www.ato.gov.au/	For enquiries relating to tax income
Fair Work Ombudsman		https://www.fairwork.gov.au/	Provides education, assistance, advice and guidance to employers, employees, outworkers, outworker entities and organisations.

QUEENSLAND SUPPORT SERVICES

Payroll tax relief package		https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/employing/payroll-tax/lodging/coronavirus-tax-relief	includes a range of payroll tax relief measures including refunds of payroll tax and payroll tax holiday and deferrals. A portal has been established on the Business Queensland website for businesses to apply for payroll tax relief.
Small and medium business power bill relief		https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/energy-business/covid-19-relief	Small and medium businesses may be eligible for \$500 rebate off their energy bill.
Rent relief		https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/programs-and-policies/covid19-package/support-for-landlords-and-tenants/	For small businesses who rent premises from the state government.
Liquor licensing		https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/hospitality-tourism-sport/liquor-gaming/coronavirus-advice	Waiving of 2020-21 liquor licensing fees.
QRIDA Jobs support loans		https://www.qrida.qld.gov.au/current-programs/covid-19-business-support/queensland-covid19-jobs-support-scheme	This scheme is for Queensland businesses and non-profit organisations financially affected by COVID-19. Eligible business types include sole traders, partnerships, private and public companies and Trusts.
Business Mentoring assistance – mentoring for growth		https://www.business.qld.gov.au/running-business/growing-business/business-mentoring/mentoring-growth/register-business	The Mentoring for Growth program has mentors ready to connect with impacted small businesses and may be able to provide tailored support including financial mentoring and business planning.
Financial resilience workshops		https://go.tafeqld.edu.au/covid-19-home.html	Delivered by TAFE Queensland, workshops will provide you with practical tools and skills to build business resilience. You will also have an opportunity to connect and network with other small businesses facing similar issues.

BUSINESS COVID-19 SUPPORT DIRECTORY

Market diversification and resilience grants		https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/agriculture/agribusiness	To help develop alternative markets food and fishing exporters and critical supply chain partners.
Waiver of registration and licensing fees		https://www.qld.gov.au/law/laws-regulated-industries-and-accountability/queensland-laws-and-regulations/regulated-industries-and-licensing/regulated-industries-licensing-and-legislation/inbound-tour-operators-working-in-queensland/update-or-renew-your-inbound-tour-operator-registration/renew-your-registration	for Inbound Tour Operators, commercial activity agreements and permits, & variations to liquor licenses
Supply chain issues		http://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/index.php/industry/industry-support-dsd/manufacture-s-supply-matching-request-form/view/form	The Queensland Government is committed to assisting Queensland manufacturers and businesses that are currently impacted by the ongoing coronavirus situation. If you are finding it difficult to obtain vital materials and supplies to remain open, please access link and complete your details
Worker transition scheme		https://www.dsdmip.qld.gov.au/industry/industry-support/worker-transition-support.html	For workers who may find themselves without work.

CASSOWARY COAST SUPPORT SERVICES

Financial hardship rates recovery	1300 763 903	http://www.cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au/hardship	<p>COVID-19 has impacted a range of services that Council delivers to the community and as result Council has initiated several measures in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to assist the community and staff to ensure business continuity.</p> <p>If a ratepayer is eligible under this policy, they will have access to a Financial Hardship Agreement which will prevent interest from being charged on all outstanding debt until such time this policy is revoked by Council.</p>
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Other Useful Information:

[Australian Banking Association](#) Small business relief, deferral of loans

[Chamber of Commerce & Industry Qld](#) Sign up for their Business Essentials subscription by 31st March 2020 and pay nothing for 12 months.

[Facebook Grants](#)

[For Education and Schools](#)

[General State Government Updates](#)

[Qld Health Information](#)

[Ergon - COVID-19 Assistance](#)

Additional Wellbeing and Support Information

[Emergency Relief Program search](#) (Queensland Government)

[Salvation Army](#) (Disasters and emergencies support) - phone **1300 662 217**

[Lifeline](#) (Mental health and wellbeing) - phone **13 11 14**

[Beyondblue](#) (Mental health and wellbeing) - phone 1300 224 636

[Headspace](#) (Youth mental health and wellbeing) - phone **1800 650 890**