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MORETON BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY LOCKDOWN - AUGUST 2021

The Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) appreciates that this lockdown will be particularly harder for our local businesses than previous lockdowns. **The support and services listed below from State, Commonwealth and Local Government may be of assistance to your business and the business community at this time.** Please be assured that we are here to assist you in whatever capacity we can.

<p>Latest Rules</p>	<p>Restrictions for Locked Down Areas including businesses (Qld Gov) Information on the directives and restrictions to assist you navigate everyone's requirements during this lockdown period can be found here.</p>
<p>Financial Help</p>	<p>2021 COVID-19 Business Support Grants for lockdown-impacted businesses (Qld Gov) \$5,000 grants for small and medium businesses across Queensland affected by the COVID-19 lockdown that commenced on Saturday 31 July 2021 and lockdowns in other states. Find out more here.</p> <p>Federal COVID-19 Disaster Payment (Aus Gov) Support (\$750 per week) payment for workers adversely affected by a state public health order, including a lockdown. Find out more here.</p> <p>Rates Payment Plans (MBRC) Options for property owners experiencing difficulty paying their rates in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area. Find out more here.</p> <p>Funding Finder (MBRC) Free access to Moreton Bay Regional Council Funding Finder to see what national grants are available to support you.</p>
<p>Personal Support</p>	<p>Mental Health and Wellbeing Resources for Businesses</p> <p>Emergency Support: Find a mental health service here if you need help now – phone triple zero (000) or go to a hospital if you are in immediate danger.</p> <p>Beyond Blue Mental Health Support for Small Business Owners Free and confidential assessments and mental health coaching (up to six sessions) for small business owners, including sole traders. Find out more here.</p> <p>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Mental Health Resources Tools, templates and tips to manage stress and proactively engage with running your business. Find out more here.</p>
<p>Professional Advice</p>	<p>Financial Counselling for Small Business (Aus Gov and Qld Gov) Free financial counselling for small businesses in the Moreton Bay Region is available through the Small Business Financial Counselling Program. Find out more here.</p> <p>Assistance negotiating rent and lease conditions (Qld Gov) Support for businesses with a turnover of less than \$50 million to negotiate changes to rent and lease conditions for premises that are wholly or predominately used for carrying out business. Find out more here.</p> <p>Information and advocacy support to small businesses, and informal resolution and mediation of COVID-19 affected small business leases is also available through the Queensland Small Business Commissioner (QSBC). Find out more here.</p>

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<p>Training Support Resources and Templates</p>	<p>2021 SEQ Lockdown - QTIC Tourism Support Webinar A free session for industry members to discuss further details on the business support packages available from Queensland Government. Find out more here.</p> <p>Covid Safe Training (Qld Gov) Free online training modules through TAFE Qld on COVID safety for the hospitality industry, and beauty, nail, tanning, spas and tattooing sectors. Find out more here.</p> <p>Small Business Skills (Qld Gov) Free online training and learning opportunities COVID-19 impacted small businesses are available from the Small Business Skills Hub. Find out more here.</p> <p>Templates for Businesses The National Retail Association has created a raft of posters, social media tiles and other supporting material for retailers here.</p> <p>USC Business Planning Course Free Business Planning Course designed to provide local business owners with a clear understanding of the key factors that underpin their success and are critical to their long-term survival. Find out more here.</p>
<p>Business Hotlines</p>	<p>Australian Government Business Hotline - 13 28 46</p> <p>Queensland Government Small Business Hotline - 1300 654 687</p> <p>Australian Taxation Office Emergency Hotline - 1800 806 218</p> <p>Centrelink Hotline - 13 74 68</p>
<p>Doing Business with Council</p>	<p>MBRC has a 'Local Preference Policy' that is aimed at proactively supporting local businesses and industry to thrive in the Moreton Bay Region. This includes 'local preference' and 'local weighting' into its procurement policies. Find out more here.</p> <p>Open tenders are advertised on Council's website and on the eProcure website. By registering you will receive notifications when a tender is advertised.</p> <p>MBRC is committed to fast tracking payments to suppliers. If your business is experiencing cash flow challenges that can be assisted by a fast-track payment for goods or services you have provided to Council please contact accounts.payable@moretonbay.qld.gov.au</p> <p>Should your business have any immediate issues regarding licences and regulations (e.g. food licences) that is impacting your business during lockdown, please contact Council's Customer Call Centre on 07 3205 0555.</p>

We would also like to invite you to contact **MBRC'S Economic Development Department** on **07 3205 0555** or by email at economic@moretonbay.qld.gov.au should you wish to discuss any business issues you may be experiencing during this lockdown. Please stay safe. [#TeamMoretonBay](#)

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