



MEDIA ALERT

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SHOP LOCALLY AND SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS

Council is encouraging residents to shop locally, and in particular support businesses impacted by the Federal Government's recent health orders.

Council's General Manager, Brad Cam said a number of businesses in the region will be affected by yesterday's forced closure of pubs, licensed clubs and hotels, places of worship, gyms and indoor sporting venues.

"These are unprecedented times and local businesses will face a number of challenges as they adapt to the new economic environment," Mr Cam said.

"I encourage all residents in our region to shop locally and support small businesses, many of whom have had to diversify their operations.

"Think about purchasing a take-away meal from a venue that you would have otherwise visited for a sit-down meal, follow these businesses online to see how they are diversifying their services and what you can do to support them."

The Federal Government has announced a \$189 billion package to help businesses to manage cash flow challenges and retain employees.

Assistance includes cash flow support and temporary measures to provide relief for financially distressed businesses.

For more information on financial assistance, eligibility and timing for the new government support visit www.business.gov.au or speak to a specialist adviser by contacting the Business Hotline on 13 28 46 (7am to 11pm AEST, 7 days a week).

For all health advice in relation to COVID-19 please visit NSW Health at www.healthnsw.gov.au or contact 1800 020 080.

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