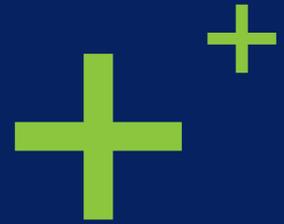




Support for local businesses



The Georges River community, along with the rest of Australia, is facing extraordinary challenges due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Council understands that this is a difficult time for local business and the community. We have put the below measures in place and are investigating other ways that Council can support you.

Georges River Council support



Payment Hardship Assistance

Georges River Council is offering payment arrangements such as interest-free extensions and payment plans to ease the burden on residents and business owners experiencing hardship.

Food Business Delivery and Takeaway

Council is supporting food businesses to continue to operate through delivery and takeaway. Restaurants that previously had no consent to deliver and take-away can now do so. In addition, we've relaxed the enforcement of parking to support the collection of take-away and to assist with deliveries.

Promotion of Food Businesses

Council is supporting local food businesses that remain open through an online directory and social media promotion. To get your business involved, contact us via business@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Faster Payments and Local Procurement

Council will inject more money into the local economy by paying local suppliers faster. In addition, Council is making changes to its Procurement Policy to support the purchase of local goods and services where possible.

Federal Government support



The Australian Government is supporting businesses to manage cash flow challenges and retain employees. Visit [Business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au) for the latest announcements and information about:

- Cash flow support of up to \$100,000 for small businesses
- The JobKeeper scheme and other support for sole traders, employers and companies

NSW Government support



The NSW Government is providing financial support to ease the pressures on small business as a result of COVID-19. Visit the [Service NSW COVID-19](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au) web page to find out more about the support options available such as grants of up to \$10,000.

Resources to support your business



TAFE NSW's Fee-Free Short Courses

Take advantage of TAFE NSW's free short courses to upskill yourself or your staff. Build business resilience by developing stronger administrative skills, enhancing the digital impact of your business, improving leadership and refining practical businesses skills. Visit the [TAFE NSW website](https://www.tafe.nsw.gov.au) to enrol.

Digital Marketing Consultation

Realise Business is currently offering a free online session with one of their specialist Digital Marketing Advisors. Visit the [Realise Business website](https://www.realisebusiness.com.au) for further information and other useful resources and webinars.

Webinars and professional development

Visit [Business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au) and the Business Connect website for access to a number of free and low-cost webinars and online training packages.

For further information, visit

www.georgesriver.nsw.gov.au/business or contact Council on 9330 6400 or business@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au.

Emergency business hotlines



- Federal Government Business Hotline - 13 28 46
- Service NSW Business Concierge - 13 77 88
- Australian Taxation Office Emergency Hotline - 1800 806 218
- Centrelink Hotline - 13 74 68

Mental health and wellbeing support



- Mental Health Line – 1800 011 511
- Lifeline - 13 11 14
- Mensline - 1300 789 978
- Beyondblue - 1300 22 4636
- Domestic and Family Violence support - 1800 737 732

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger call 000.



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