

SNAPSHOT: STATE SUPPORT FOR SPORTS DURING COVID-19

AS AT 28 MAY 2020

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Details of business/ financial support packages

- Immediate financial injection of \$700,000 to ACT peak sport and recreations bodies
- Early access to the 2021 Sport and Recreation Grants Program
- Bringing forward the 2021 Sport and Recreation Grants Program
- Waiver of ACT Government sportsground hire fees
- Suspension of all outstanding invoices payments due for ACT Government sportsground hire fees
- Waiver of facility rent/hire fees from the ACT Education Directorate
- Rental relief for community organisations using ACT Government properties, including those with lease rental arrangements.
- Waiver of all booking fees for use of Stromlo Forest Park by community and not for profit groups
- Electricity Rebate for Small Businesses
- Licensed venues and off licensed venue
- Payroll tax waivers
- Greater flexibility for AGMs
- **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy [\$1,500] per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.
- Boosting Cash for Employers will provide up to \$100,000 to eligible small and medium size business and not-for-profits that employ people, with a minimum payment of \$20,000, so that they can keep operating, pay bills and retail staff.
- Temporary relief for financially distressed business, including increasing the threshold at which creditors can issue a statutory demand and temporary relief for Directors from personal liability while trading insolvent.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://www.sport.act.gov.au/about-us/covid19-news>

Sport Sector Support Fact Sheet
https://www.sport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0016/1540051/COVID-19-Sport-Sector-Support-Fact-sheet-24-April.pdf

Sport and Recreation in the ACT - FAQ
https://www.sport.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/1541260/FAQ-Coronavirus-29-April-2020.pdf

NEW SOUTH WALES

Details of business/ financial support packages

- Support for Sporting Organisations Employing people:
 - Office of Sport directs clubs and associations to their national body as a first port of call
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500) per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.
 - Information on NSW payroll tax support relating to COVID-19 to assist business and organisations including not for profit sporting organisations and employees and volunteers available through NSW Government website
- Financial Assistance:
 - Establishment of Small Business Grants of up to \$10,000 to support small businesses across NSW struggling to cope with the COVID-19 shutdown to fund unavoidable business costs such as utilities, overheads, legal costs and financial advice. For more information eligibility and to apply, visit **Service NSW**
 - A \$440 million six-month rental support package for residential and business tenants and landlords facing financial hardship due to COVID-19. This support package includes a six-month moratorium on landlords seeking to evict tenants due to rental arrears as a result of COVID-19, together with longer six-month restrictions on rental arrears evictions for those financially disadvantaged by COVID-19. For more information, visit the **NSW Small Business Commissioner** for commercial tenancies, **NSW Fair Trading** for residential tenancies and **Revenue NSW** for information about NSW land tax initiatives.
 - > deferral of rents for six months for commercial and not-for-profit tenants with less than 20 employees in all Government properties
 - > deferral of payroll tax for business and organisations with payrolls over \$10 million for six months (up to \$4 billion deferred). Businesses and organisations 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. Visit **Revenue NSW** for more information.
 - > creation of a \$1 billion **Working for NSW** fund to sustain business, create new jobs and retain employees
 - > **\$395 million package** to safeguard local council jobs, services and infrastructure, including \$112.5 million to support a Council Job Retention Allowance of \$1,500 per fortnight per employee to limit job losses in the NSW local government sector. The allowance will be paid for up to three months to qualifying staff working in the NSW local government sector
 - 25% reduction in annual tax liability when annual reconciliations are lodged (due 28 July). For businesses who lodge and pay monthly there is no payment required for the months of March, April and May 2020
 - Tax-free threshold increased to \$1million for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2020
- Organisational and Business Support:
 - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sector-resources-library/organisational-and-business-support#Legal%20and%20financial%20advice%20and%20support>
- City of Sydney quick response grants
 - One-off support for individuals and teams experiencing financial hardship that are selected to participate in events in the sporting, academic, cultural or environmental fields
 - <https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/community/grants-and-sponsorships/community-grants/quick-response>
- Community-University Partnership grant
 - Grants of up to \$1,000 are currently available through the CSU Community – University Partnership grant program. If you're a community group, school, sporting club, Indigenous group or cultural organisation, you can apply for a grant of up to \$1,000 to help boost and support your project.
 - Community University Partnership grants are available in all Charles Sturt University campus cities: Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange, Port Macquarie and Wagga Wagga. You can choose from six categories: Art & Culture; Education; Indigenous Engagement; Health & Wellbeing; Environmental Sustainability or Sport. There are two rounds planned for the 2020 calendar year, Round one as closed, Round 2 opens 13 July and closes 10 August: <https://about.csu.edu.au/community/grants>

Additional Information and Resources

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sector-resources-library>

Service NSW: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

Sport NSW: <https://www.sportnsw.com.au/news/sport-nsw-covid-19-update/>

<https://business.gov.au/Risk-management/Emergency-management/Coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/JobKeeper-Payment-for-employers-and-employees>

<https://www.revenue.nsw.gov.au/news-media-releases/covid-19-tax-relief-measures/covid-19-coronavirus-and-land-tax>

<https://www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au/get-help/covid-19/covid-19-coronavirus-information-small-business-owners>

<https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/resource-library/publications/coronavirus-covid-19/property/moratorium>

Public Health Information: Staying Active during COVID-19. A series of information and advice for a broad range of participants: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/stayingactive>

Organisational and Business Support (general advice, not covid-19 specific):
Running your SSO - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/rysso>
Running your club - <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/clubs/ryc>

Learning and Development: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sector-resources-library/learning-and-development#Sports%20related%20learning%20and%20development>

Mental Health: Provides a link to the Mental Health Commission for information and tips on mental health and wellbeing <https://nswmentalhealthcommission.com.au/mental-health-and-the-coronavirus>

- Local Sports Grant Program – Ballina
 - \$77.5k for 17 clubs in Ballina Electorate established to
 - > target opportunities specifically for women and girls
 - > overall participation opportunities
 - > support local communities affected by drought
 - Funds were distributed to:
 - > N Rivers Outrigger Canoe Club - \$8,033
(Paddles, Safety Equip, Boats)
 - > Richmond River Sailing Club - \$5,000
(Training Boats)
 - > Alstonville Football Club - \$2,000
(Sport Dev, coaching certificates)
 - > Byron Bay Football Club - \$5,000
(Girls only carnival)
 - > Byron Bay Football Club - \$2,000
(Licences course for HP coaches)
 - > N Rivers Mountain Bike Club - \$2,000
(Coaching development program)
 - > Ballina Netball Association - \$800
(Umpire and Umpire Mentor development)
 - > Alstonville Swimming Club - \$5,000
(Travel assistance)
 - > Mullumbimby Football Club - \$5,000
(Subsidised reg fees for special needs players)
 - > Wollongbar Rugby Club - \$5,000
(Subs for Junior players training camp)
 - > Mullumbimby Tennis - \$3,897
(Wheelchair access ramps repairs)
 - > Ballina Petanque Club - \$10,000
(Additional piste)
 - > Wollongbar Warriors - \$3,455
(Sports access and equipment founding project)
 - > Ballina Outrigger Canoe Club - \$4,400
 - > Ballina Hockey Club - \$6,865
(Safety netting behind goal areas)
 - > Byron Bay Basketball Club - \$5,000
(Support for U14 girls rep team)

Additional Information and Resources

Wellbeing, Welfare and Safety: <https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sector-resources-library/wellbeing-welfare-and-safety>

Webinars and Digital Forums:

A collaboration between Sport NSW, the Australian College of Physical Education and NSW Office of Sport – the Timeout Talks webinar series commenced on 30 April with the aim of keeping the sporting community united so they can return as one. <https://www.sportnsw.com.au/news/timeout-talks/>

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Details of business/ financial support packages

- **Sport and Active Recreation sector immediate response and resilience program**
 - A \$1.3 million re-prioritised funding program will support the sport and recreation sector.
 - A specific coronavirus (COVID-19) working group will also be established to guide a response and recovery plan for Territory sport and active recreation, to and ensure organisations can rebound strongly from this current crisis.
 - The program has been categorised into four areas aiming to support the sport and active recreation community through the national impacts of COVID-19.
 - > **Online Accredited Training:** Overview of the program, funding available, key dates and how to apply.
 - > **Online Active Recreation Stimulus Package:** Overview of the Online Active Recreation Stimulus Package, detailing the funding available, key dates, how to apply and who to contact.
 - > **Sport Surfaces and Sewerage Stimulus Package:** Overview of the program, funding available, key dates, what can be funded and how to apply.
 - > **Remote Sport Program Stimulus Package:** Overview of the program, funding available, key dates and how to apply.
 - For more information, go to the **Department of Tourism, Sports and Culture website**.
- From 1 May restrictions changed to a three step principles-based **3 staged approach Roadmap to the new normal**.
This roadmap to the new normal is based on principles for personal responsibility, physical distancing, and hygiene, which are derived from the best available evidence and advice, applied in the context of the NT.
 - **Stage 1** contains sport specific reference such as:
 - > Exercise outdoors with other people such as yoga and bootcamp.
 - > Participate in non-contact, non-collision outdoor sports such as athletics, golf, tennis, swimming, shooting, archery, badminton, geocaching, paddling and lawn bowls. (Note: No use of clubhouse facilities to consume food or drink).
 - **Stage 2** contains sport specific reference such as:
 - > Participate in organised outdoor training activities for sporting clubs and teams.
 - > Operate or attend a studio that provides yoga, Pilates, Zumba, barre, dance classes.
 - > Operate or attend physical training activities indoors such as Cross Fit.
 - > Operate and attend a gymnasium.
 - **Stage 3** contains sport specific reference such as:
 - > Resume officiating, participating and supporting the playing of team sports such as football, basketball, soccer and netball.
 - > Attend an arena, stadium, sporting facility including community and sporting competitions with spectators in approved seating configuration. However, if above 500 people the event requires a separately approved COVID-19 Safety Plan.

Read more about the roadmap and the **changes**.

- **Financial Support:**
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500) per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://dtsc.nt.gov.au/sport-and-recreation>

<https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/updates>

Sport and Recreation Sector FAQs
https://dtsc.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0004/819085/Q-and-As-for-Sport-and-Active-Recreation-Sector.pdf

Roadmap questions and answers fact sheet PDF (678.0 KB)

QUEENSLAND

Details of business/ financial support packages

- Queensland Government: Sport and Recreation funding programs
 - FairPlay
 - > Activity Providers - Redeemed FairPlay vouchers can be retained and participants credited when activities resume
 - > Unredeemed vouchers should not be claimed until you know when activities are likely to resume
 - > As part of the 'Fairplay terms and conditions for activity providers' a refund for any part of a voucher cannot be provided to a parent or guardian. Be guided by your own internal refund policies for the remaining registration or membership fees
 - > Parents and guardians – Round 2 vouchers should be kept until sport and recreation activities are able to restart. They will be able to be used once activities restart. If they have already been presented check the website or social media channels for information on when they might resume
- Active Clubs
 - Funds received under the Active Clubs program should continue to use them for their intended purpose if possible and keep doing so until Jan 2021. If they are needed for a different purpose the local Sport and Recreation office should be consulted
- Emerging Athlete Pathways
 - Trial of pre-event payments has been postponed
 - Payments that have already been made do not need to be refunded
 - Future events have been removed from the published list in line with the organisation's advice about postponements and cancellations. Events to be reinstated once alternative dates can be confirmed
 - You can still apply for funding for events that have happened in the last 6 months
- Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Projects
 - If people are experiencing difficulty with completing Active Community Infrastructure Projects, local departmental representatives can assist in changing current arrangements
 - <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/active-community-infrastructure>
- Financial Assistance
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500) per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.
 - **Payroll Tax relief package** include:
 - > refunds of payroll tax for 2 months
 - > a payroll tax holiday for 3 months
 - > deferral of paying payroll tax for the 2020 calendar year.

As part of this relief package, the refund and payroll tax holiday do not have to be repaid.

 - > **Eligibility:** If you are an employer (or part of a group of employers) who pays \$6.5 million or less in Australian **taxable wages**, you may have received an email about a:
 - refund of your payroll tax for 2 months (November and December 2019)
 - payroll tax holiday (i.e. no payroll tax to be paid) for 3 months (January to March 2020).
 - > You can also apply for a deferral of payroll tax for the 2020 calendar year. (If you have already applied for a deferral, you do not need not reapply – it will be extended.)
 - > If you are an employer (or part of a group of employers) who pays more than \$6.5 million in Australian taxable wages and have been negatively affected (directly or indirectly) by coronavirus, you can apply for a:
 - deferral of payroll tax for the 2020 calendar year (If you have already applied for a deferral, you do not need not reapply – it will be extended.)
 - refund of your payroll tax for 2 months (January and February 2020).
 - > A business is directly or indirectly affected by coronavirus if their current turnover, profit, customers, bookings, retail sales, supply contracts or other factors are negatively affected compared with normal operating conditions.

- **Commercial Tenants and Landlords:** Queensland is currently working to implement the principles of this code into regulation.
 - If your business has an annual turnover of less than \$50 million, and your turnover has reduced by more than 30% due to the effects of COVID-19:
 - > your business lease cannot be terminated for non-payment of rent
 - > your rent can be partly waived or deferred in proportion to your lost turnover
 - > your landlord cannot increase your rent
 - > you cannot be penalised for reducing trading hours or not opening
 - > your security bond or personal advance guarantee cannot be used for non-payment of rent
 - > your landlord must proportionally pass on any benefits they receive (e.g. land tax or bank interest reductions)
 - > your lease must be extended if it is due for renewal.
 - Further non-specific advice provided and further links to <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/premises-location/covid-commercial-tenants>
- **Economic relief package**
 - \$4billion to support Queenslanders' health, jobs and businesses
 - \$500 rebate on electricity bills for all QLD small and medium businesses that consume less than 100,000 kwh
 - Liquor licensing fees waived for businesses impacted by enforced safety industry shutdowns
- **Australian Government business assistance**
 - General info and updates on support for business (updated regularly)
 - <https://business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business>
- **Gladstone Region Rise Up Fund**
 - The Gladstone Region Rise Up Fund has been developed to support not-for-profit sport, recreation and community organisations through the Coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency. Applicants can apply up to a maximum of \$5,000 towards costs associated with or initiatives to protect their organisation against adverse financial impacts during the Coronavirus COVID-19 health emergency.
 - Applications closed at 5pm on 1 May.
 - <https://www.gladstone.qld.gov.au/community-investment>
- On 24 May, Queensland Government released details of a \$51.3 million financial package – Sport & Recreation COVID SAFE Restart Plan – designed to assist sporting clubs and participants with a range of Return to Play initiatives:
 - \$14 million COVID SAFE Active Clubs Kickstart – funding to purchase hygiene supplies, products, training or equipment to allow them to return to play, this funding can also be used for operational needs such as utilities and bills. This will see up to 7000 clubs receiving grants of up to \$2000.
 - \$10.8 million Active Industry Fund – funding for 77 state level sporting organisations and industry peak bodies through existing arrangements.
 - \$15.5 million Active Restart infrastructure Recovery Fund – grants for minor works and support up to 3000 clubs to purchase revenue generating equipment to help them return to play.
 - \$11 million FairPlay vouchers – vouchers of up to \$150 for around 73,000 young Queenslanders to participate in physical activity opportunities and support families experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/news-publications/news/covid-19-sport-and-recreation-funding-programs>

Latest news: <https://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/news-publications/news?topic=covid19-sport-recreation>

Sport and Active Recreation Providers: <https://www.hpw.qld.gov.au/news-publications/news/covid-19-sport-and-active-recreation-providers>

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/>

<https://www.business.gov.au/risk-management/emergency-management/coronavirus-information-and-support-for-business/JobKeeper-Payment-for-employers-and-employees>

Covid-19 – Boost Your Healthy: A new initiative led by Health & Wellbeing Queensland and supported by Queensland Government to help people look after their physical and mental health during this challenging time <https://hw.qld.gov.au/blog/resources/>

Follow the Sport and Recreation facebook page to view the latest #BoostChallengeQld active challenges <https://www.facebook.com/QldSportAndRec>

Staying active at home: Healthier, happier – find healthy recipes, fun exercise videos and handy guides <https://www.healthier.qld.gov.au/>

Guidance and information also provided here on Return to Play activities: <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport>

Funding information: <https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport/funding-grants>

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Details of business/ financial support packages

- **\$6 million for sporting clubs announced and a further \$5 million on the way**
- Grassroots Football, Cricket, and Netball Facility Program – Round 2 successful applicants:
 - Adelaide Hills Council \$490,000 -To redevelop and upgrade two existing change rooms to unisex, construct two new unisex change rooms in a second storey to be added to the building, and to upgrade the cricket nets, at Heathfield Oval, Heathfield.
 - Adelaide University Sports Association \$675,000 -To install new modular unisex change room facilities at the Adelaide University West Beach Playing Fields, West Beach.
 - Alexandrina Council \$800,000 -To construct a new comprehensive modular multi-purpose community sporting facility, including four unisex change rooms, community spaces, player and spectator amenities, umpire and official areas, administrative spaces, and storage at the Goolwa Oval Sporting Precinct, Goolwa.
 - Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground \$255,000 -To install new modular unisex change room facilities, including umpires change rooms, medical rooms and an operable wall to allow the space to also be used for active recreation, at the Cherry Gardens Ironbank Recreation Ground, Cherry Gardens.
 - City of Tea Tree Gully \$335,000 - To redevelop change rooms and amenities to unisex at Tea Tree Gully Sportsman's Club, Banksia Park.
 - Corporation of the City of Campbelltown \$245,000 -To assist in the construction of a new community pavilion including unisex change rooms at Max Amber Reserve, Paradise.
 - Corporation of The City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters \$490,000 -To redevelop and upgrade existing change rooms, and construct new unisex change rooms incorporating umpires change rooms, at Payneham Oval, Payneham.
 - Henley Football Club Incorporated \$450,000 -To install new sports flood lighting at the Henley and Grange Memorial Oval and at Henley High School, Henley Beach.
 - Mid Hills Netball Association \$99,000 -To resurface six courts, and upgrade to compliant LED sports lighting on courts 1-12, at the Mid Hills Netball Association, Woodside.
 - The Barossa Council \$881,000 - To redevelop and upgrade existing change rooms to unisex, construct two new unisex change rooms, install a new junior oval, upgrade community spaces and install new cricket nets at the Angas Recreation Park, Angaston.
 - The Clare Sports Club \$880,000 -To construct a new unisex change room facility including umpires rooms, medical rooms, a function centre, outdoor spectator seating, and viewing areas at the Clare Oval Sporting Precinct, Clare.
 - Victoria Park Jamestown Management Committee \$400,000 - To construct new unisex change rooms at the Victoria Park Community Sporting Hub, Jamestown.
- Information for Associations – COVID-19 update as at 1 May 2020 can be found [here](#).
- The Prime Minister's \$66billion stimulus may offer significant relief to some sporting organisations. These measures include:
 - Not-for-profits and small businesses with a turnover less than \$50million will receive a tax-free, cash payment of up to \$100,000 (with a minimum payment of \$20,000 for eligible companies); delivered by the ATO as a credit on business activity statements (BAS) from late April.
 - The Government is offering to guarantee unsecured loans of up to \$250,000 for a term of up to three years. This comes on top of the banks deferring loan repayments for six months.
 - Changes to rules for creditors to instigate a bankruptcy/insolvency – they would need to have outstanding payments by a business/individual of \$20,000 (up from \$2,000). The company/individual will have longer to respond to the creditors' claims – increasing to 6 months (up from 21 days).
- Businesses can find more information and register their interest on the [Treasury SA website](#).
- **Financial Assistance:**
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500) per employee per fortnight for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/>

ORSR COVID-19 Webinar hosted by Hon Corey Wingard MP (Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) from 2 April 2020 which can also be found [here](#).

ORSR Innovative Lateral Thinking Webinar hosted by Hon Corey Wingard MP (Minister for Recreation, Sport and Racing) and Kylie Taylor, Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing Chief Executive Officer update from 30 April [here](#).

https://www.orsr.sa.gov.au/events_courses?a=28771

National Principles for Sport and Recreational Activities update found [here](#).

National Cabinet considered and endorsed '[National Principles for the Resumption of Sport and Recreation Activities \[PDF 350 KB\]](#)' developed by the AHPPC in consultation with sporting bodies across Australia.

National Cabinet agreed that the '[Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment \[PDF 506 KB\]](#)' developed by the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) provides a guide to the staged resumption of sport and recreation in Australia.

The latest COVID-19 information and FAQs for SA can be found [here](#). Noting in particular Sport Australia is mentioned as a provider of support and assistance.

Extract: What support is available for national bodies, and can the state provide assistance?

"National bodies should liaise with Sport Australia, their general funder, as federal funding for all employers is available."

TASMANIA

Details of business/ financial support packages

- Consisted with the Government's intention to keep Tasmania in work, where possible, and to ensure these sports can continue once the public health advice enables this to occur, the Government has announced a \$2 million sports grants program to be administered through the Communities, Sport & Recreation (CSR) Division of Communities Tasmania.
 - Tranche 1 of the COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Grants Program will provide grants of up to \$150 000 per sport to assist with maintaining employment for six months in eligible sporting organisations facing reduced revenue streams due to COVID-19.
- Funding can only be used to pay staff employed in Tasmanian sporting organisations undertaking sport-related duties. The funding will be based on evidence of demonstrated need, including an assessment/validation of revenue and expenditure.
- Further information on the Tranche 2 will be provided by July 2020
- **What does the program fund?**
 - Funding provided through tranche 1 of the COVID-19 Sport and Recreation Grants program is specifically to assist with salary costs for six months for employees across sporting organisations that are undertaking sport-related duties. This includes:
 - > administrators/managers
 - > development officers
 - > ground/facility maintenance staff (e.g. turf superintendents or green keepers)
 - Organisations seeking funding for positions not outlined above may be considered based on evidence provided showing it is an essential function for the delivery of the sport's activities or programs.
 - The program provides funding to assist with the costs of any employee contracted on 1 March 2020 in a sports-related role in a full-time, part-time or casual capacity.
 - This program will not fund hospitality-based positions or any other commercial, non-sport related positions.
- **Financial Assistance:**
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500) per employee per fortnight for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://www.communities.tas.gov.au/csr/Grants/covid-19-sport-and-recreation-grants-program>

VICTORIA

Details of business/ financial support packages

- Victorian Business Support Fund – one off \$10,000 payment
- Cash flow boost for small and medium businesses
- Cash flow support between \$20,000 - \$100,000 for eligible small and medium-sized businesses, and not-for-profits (NFPs) that employ staff and hold an Australian ABN as of 12 March 2020.
- Payroll Tax Relief
 - Victorian Businesses with annual taxable wages between \$650,000 to \$3 million will have their payroll tax for the 2019-20 financial year waived.
 - Eligible businesses must continue to lodge returns but do not need to make further payments for this financial year.
 - The State Revenue Office will directly contact eligible businesses in relation to reimbursement for payroll tax already paid in the financial year.
 - These businesses can also defer paying payroll tax for the first quarter of the 2020-21 financial year.
- **Financial support:**
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500 per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.
- The \$40 million Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package provides grants to support the operational viability of community sport and active recreation organisations impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
 - This initiative is part of the Victorian Government's new Experience Economy Survival Package providing urgent support to help a range of key attractions, organisations and associations ride out the economic impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and help them reboot, rebound and recover.
 - Status: Open
 - Closing: 15/06/2020
 - **What grants are available?**
 - > The Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package includes \$40 million for community sport organisations in four categories:
 - grants of up to \$350,000 available for large state sporting associations;
 - grants of up to \$200,000 available to smaller state sporting associations; regional sports assemblies and academies and other state sport and recreational bodies;
 - grants of up to \$15,000 are available for associations and leagues; and
 - grants of \$1,000 are available for individual clubs.
 - For specific details on the program, including the objectives of the fund, the number of applications that can be submitted under each stream, the grant amounts available and eligibility of applications please refer to the guidelines.
- The Victorian Government is investing \$68 million to build and upgrade community sports facilities across the state. Not only will the investment support local sporting clubs, it will create jobs and boost Victoria's economic recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
 - Through the Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program, community sporting clubs and organisations will work with local councils and alpine resort boards, as we fast-track infrastructure projects that can start in the coming weeks and months.
 - This initiative is part of the Victorian Government's \$2.7 billion Building Works package, designed to support shovel-ready infrastructure projects and create thousands of jobs for Victorians.
 - Status: Open
 - Closing: 19/06/2020
 - **How does the program work?**
 - > The \$68 million Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program will support Victoria's economy by working with Local Government Authorities, Alpine Resort Boards and sporting clubs and organisations to fast-track shovel-ready community sports infrastructure projects across Victoria.
 - > Local councils and Alpine Resort Boards will be able to apply to Sport and Recreation Victoria with projects they would like to progress .
 - > Each local council or alpine resort board can submit up to three (3) applications requesting up to \$10 million for each application. Applications must be worth a minimum of \$1 million in funding requested.
 - > For specific details on the program, including the objectives of the program, the number of applications that can be submitted, the grant amounts available and eligibility of applications please refer to the guidelines.

Additional Information and Resources

<https://vicsport.com.au/blog/3522/covid-19-coronavirus-update-and-links>

<https://vicsport.com.au/blog/3530/how-sports-are-handling-covid-19>

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sports-infrastructure-stimulus-program>

For further information and directions on how to apply, visit https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants?result_50477_result_page=1&queries_status_query=

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Details of business/ financial support packages

- An initial \$59 million will be available for crisis and emergency relief support for eligible not-for-profit and community organisations to assist with costs related to increased demand for food, clothing, shelter and other critical needs.
 - Funding will also support new equipment and resources to update processes that are required to adapt to rapidly changing needs.
 - This funding will also provide urgent financial relief for not-for-profit sports, arts and community organisations experiencing hardship as a result of cancelled events. It will compensate for cancellation costs, lost revenue and incurred or committed operational costs associated with the cancelled event. Often these events were crucial to the ongoing operations of important community organisations.
 - 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.
 - More information: <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/department/news/news-article/2020/03/30/159m-covid-19-relief-fund-to-provide-crisis-support>
- **Support for arts, sports and community organisations**
 - In addition to the Crisis and Emergency Relief Fund, From Friday 24 April, until midnight Wednesday 13 May, organisations are able to apply for Lotterywest support through its COVID-19 Relief Fund involving the 'Event Cancellation Relief and 'Sector Support for Resilient Organisations' short-term grants programs.
 - New grant requests will only be accepted if they align with the Lotterywest COVID-19 Relief Fund program criteria.
 - More information is available on the **Lotterywest website**.
- **Financial Assistance:**
 - **JobKeeper payment** supporting impacted eligible businesses to access a wage subsidy (\$1,500 per employee per fortnight) for six months, helping staff to be retained and business to re-start when the COVID-19 crisis ends.

Additional Information and Resources

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries: <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/sport-and-recreation>

WA Government COVID-19 coronavirus: Community advice found [here](#).