

Unite & Recover

Small Business Connect

May 2021

It's time to show your love for Queensland small business!

It's Queensland Small Business Month and across Queensland there are activities and events planned, delivering a range of opportunities for small business owners to network, connect and learn new skills that will help them succeed. Access the current list of events on the [Business Queensland website](#).

This year, the focus is on supporting small businesses to bounce back better than ever after a challenging 18 months as we all join together to look ahead to a brighter future. There's a full suite of promotional materials available to help you show your support: www.business.qld.gov.au/qsbm

During the month, we also have an important day of celebration on 15 May to show small business how much they mean to us – Love Your Small Business Day. Access ideas and a range of promotional materials to show your support for local small businesses: www.business.qld.gov.au/qsbm

Small Business Connect replies

If you replied to the 'New small business grants coming soon' message sent on Saturday 1 May, you may have found the reply address was inactive due to an incorrect setting on our part. For more information please contact communication@desbt.qld.gov.au and we will follow up. Sorry for any inconvenience this caused.

Grants and funding

Business Growth Fund applications now open

The \$2.5 million Business Growth Fund is now open! The program is a great opportunity for small and medium-sized businesses to access up to \$50,000 to buy specialised equipment that will accelerate business growth. Interested businesses are encouraged to confirm their eligibility, review the guidelines and start the application process by registering for a Mentoring for Business Growth Fund session. Find out more at www.business.qld.gov.au/growthfund.

Business Basics grants to launch 17 May

Additional information on the Business Basics grants program will be published on Business Queensland's grants page next Monday. New and emerging businesses interested in grants of up to \$5000 to increase their core capabilities and adopt best practices will be able to review the program's criteria and eligibility requirements before the application window opens. www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support/grants

Skills and workforce

Jobs Queensland workforce planning webinars

Small and medium sized businesses looking to expand, adapt to changing staff or skill requirements or improve their planning for the future, are invited to join an introductory

workforce planning webinar with Jobs Queensland. Register to join one of the four sessions being held next week, which will also help you get started with Jobs Queensland's Workforce Planning Connect toolkit. www.jobsqueensland.qld.gov.au/jq-events/webinars

Build your business with the Back to Work program

The Queensland Government's Back to Work program is open for applications! Eligible employers can access support payments of up to \$20,000 when they hire jobseekers who have experienced a period of unemployment. Find out more at www.qld.gov.au/backtowork or call 13QGOV (13 74 68).

Business advice and support

Launchpad a win for Queensland Small Businesses

Our new Business Launchpad is now available for those looking to start a small business in the Townsville and Logan City Council areas in the food and beverage or residential construction industries. It takes the guesswork out of setting up your business, consolidating all the licences, permits and other important regulatory information you need to open your doors and start trading. The Business Launchpad is being funded through the Australian Government's Small Business Regulatory Reform Agenda.

www.business.qld.gov.au/launchpad

Interested in reducing your business costs?

ecoBiz is a free program funded by the Queensland Government and run by the Chamber of Commerce & Industry Queensland (CCIQ) that helps Queensland businesses audit their resource use and reduce costs from waste, water, and energy bills. After a free two-hour coaching session with a sustainability expert, businesses receive a written report with practical and tangible solutions, which are often no or low cost to implement. Every year, ecoBiz specialists analyse how participating businesses have progressed, with those that improve their resource-efficiency by 10% or more becoming Star Partners. Register at

ecobiz.cciq.com.au.

Small business tax time toolkit

The Australian Tax Office has compiled a range of directories, guides and information for small businesses and their agents to help with a range of tax topics, including motor vehicle and travel expenses. www.ato.gov.au/SBtaxtimetoolkit

COVID-19 update

Restrictions on Businesses, Activities and Undertakings Direction (No. 19)

The restriction outlines that hospitality businesses must use the Check In Qld app to collect contact details and clarifies requirements for dance areas and buffets run by unrestricted businesses, such as worksites, schools and residential care facilities.

www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/current-status/public-health-directions/business-activity

Supplying to government

[Subscribe to the Buy Queensland supplier update](#)

This newsletter from the Office of the Chief Advisor - Procurement covers a range of information for businesses supplying or interested in supplying to the Queensland Government. The April issue included the first of three stories explaining [non-price considerations for government tenders](#).

Events

Business Queensland [events calendar](#)

A one-stop-shop for all small business events. If you run events for Queensland small businesses, [list your event](#) today!

Resources

Check in Qld app

Find out more and register your business at www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld or download the app from [Google Play](#) or the [Apple Store](#).

Queensland Government's Unite and Recover website

Updates on the full range of Queensland Government actions in response to COVID-19 including current contact tracing alerts that may affect Queenslanders.

www.covid19.qld.gov.au/

TAFE Queensland's Small Business Solutions

Through workshops and one-on-one mentoring this program can help businesses develop ideas and implement real solutions.

www.tafeqld.edu.au/information-for/employers/small-business-solutions

Stay connected

In addition to this message you can stay up-to-date with the latest assistance from the Queensland and Australian Governments through the [Business Queensland website](#). You can also follow us at facebook.com/businessqldgov.

For more information, visit
business.qld.gov.au or call 1300 654 687



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