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REGIONAL BUSINESS SUPPORT ANNOUNCEMENT

The [Victorian Government has announced](#) support for licensed bars, cafes, hotels and clubs across regional Victoria will continue through September.

With the City of Ballarat entering a seven-day lockdown, all eligible businesses in the local government area will receive *Business Costs Assistance Program* and *Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund* payments for the last two weeks of September – along with more than 100,000 metropolitan businesses.

Other regional businesses will also be supported where ongoing restrictions severely affect operations.

A summary of support is below:

- All eligible businesses in City of Ballarat will receive [Business Costs Assistance Program](#) and [Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund](#) payments for the last two weeks of September – along with more than 100,000 metropolitan businesses.
- Payments to businesses will range from \$5,600 to \$40,000 for the fortnight to help pay wages, rent, utilities and other ongoing expenses.
- In recognition of ongoing patron and density limits, [Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund](#) payments will be made across the state for the period 17-30 September, regardless of location.
- Some 2,300 eligible cafes, restaurants, hotels and bars in regional areas and more than 7,000 in metropolitan Melbourne will receive automatic payments.
- Venues with a capacity of under 100 people will receive \$10,000 for the fortnight, those with a capacity of 100-499 will receive \$20,000 while the largest venues will receive \$40,000.
- In addition to automatic Business Costs Assistance Program payments in Melbourne and the City of Ballarat, the Victorian Government has confirmed payments under this program will be made for the next two weeks to eligible businesses outside these areas.
- Eligible businesses include hospitality and accommodation operations, gyms, hair and nail salons, and tourism and events-related businesses. The full list of eligible ANZSIC codes for the Business Costs Assistance Program in regional Victoria outside the City of Ballarat will be available on the Business Victoria website from Friday.
- Under the [Business Costs Assistance Program Round Four](#), businesses with an annual payroll of up to \$650,000 will receive \$5,600 – equal to two weekly payments of \$2,800.
- Businesses with a payroll of \$650,000-\$3 million will get \$11,200 and businesses with a wages bill of \$3 million-\$10 million will receive \$16,800.

Learn more online about the [support available for businesses](#) or call [13 22 15](#).

Get vaccinated today

All Victorians are encouraged to book their vaccination appointment today by visiting portal.cvms.vic.gov.au or by phoning the Coronavirus hotline on 1800 675 398.

Regards,

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