

Office of Local Government



COVID-19 COUNCIL UPDATE

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Premier Berejiklian and Minister Hancock to take part in council webinar

The Office of Local Government will be hosting a webinar with Premier Gladys Berejiklian and Minister for Local Government Shelley Hancock on Thursday (June 11) from 2-3pm.



The webinar will provide an update to mayors, councillors and general managers on the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery, followed by a Question and Answer session.

Invitations for registration were sent by email this afternoon to mayors and general managers. As you register you will be able to submit any questions you would like answered during the webinar.

For those unable to participate a recording of the webinar will be available on the Office of Local Government website.



COVID-19 awareness for food service training

NSW Health and the NSW Food Authority are offering a free, voluntary online course on COVID-19 food safety awareness.

The training has been developed for anyone working in NSW food

retail and food service businesses and covers key measures recommended for COVID-19 control.

Key topics addressed include:

- COVID-19 introduction and background
- Infection, signs and symptoms
- Self-protective measures
- Protective measures for premises and personal hygiene
- Cleaning and sanitation practices
- Social distancing measures, and
- Record keeping.

The course is self-guided and will take participants approximately 20 minutes to complete.

There is a 20-question multiple-choice quiz at the end.

A 'COVID-19 awareness for food service' acknowledgement certificate will be emailed to all participants who complete the quiz.

[Anyone wishing to undertake the course can do so here.](#)

Applications now open for Crown Reserves Improvement Fund

Councils and all Crown land managers are invited to apply for a share of \$14 million from the 2020-21 Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.



The funding can be used to upgrade and maintain community facilities and reserves across NSW.

Applications are open until July 10.

[For further information on the fund and to apply, click here.](#)



Information and resources

[Guidelines for COVID Safe workplaces](#)

Safety plans for businesses and organisations can be found [here](#).

[Health signage available for download](#)

Promote safety measures and social distancing in your community by accessing downloadable NSW Health signage [here](#).

[Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program](#)

Councils can access information about the Commonwealth Government's new \$500 million Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program [here](#).

[Job Retention Allowance payment applications](#)

Councils can now apply for the Job Retention Allowance payment of \$1,500 per fortnight, per eligible employee. Find out how in this [circular](#).

[OLG FAQs provide detailed guidance to councils](#)

Councils can access detailed FAQs on:

- [Local government legislative amendments](#)
- [Local government economic stimulus package](#)
- [The latest Public Health Order](#).

[Quicklinks](#)

Councils can access the latest information and resources about COVID-19 on the [NSW Government](#), [NSW Health](#), [Commonwealth Government](#), [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), and [NSW Office of Local Government](#) websites.

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