



Memorandum

To:	All SLSNSW clubs and Branches
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Subject:	Memo: COVID financial and other support measures for clubs and members

Through this extremely challenging time for all the community and for all our members, Surf Life Saving NSW would like to make its clubs and members aware of several support mechanisms which could be used to help support the club and/or members at this difficult time.

Financial support mechanisms for eligible clubs

1. NSW Government – Small Business (including not-for-profit) COVID-19 Support Grant (closing 1 June 2020)
2. Australian Government – JobKeeper Payment
3. Australian Government – Boosting Cash Flow for Employers

Support mechanisms for members

4. Mental Health Support

Please see full details below.

Financial support mechanisms for eligible clubs

1. NSW Government – Small Business (including not-for-profit) COVID-19 Support Grant (closing 1 June 2020)

Please note: this measure only applies to eligible clubs and/or supporter's clubs that employ staff (see full eligibility details below).

- Small businesses and non-profit organisation that have experienced a significant decline in revenue as a result of COVID-19 may be eligible for the small business support grant of up to \$10,000.
- Expenses that may be covered by this grant include unavoidable business expenses not covered by other government funding, e.g. utilities, council rates, telecommunication charges, insurance payments, developing the business through marketing activities, etc.
- Not-for-profits can apply for assistance and will be required to show evidence of a decline in turnover of 75 per cent compared to the equivalent period (of at least two weeks) in 2019.

Eligibility

Small business owners and non-profit organisations are eligible for a grant of up to \$10,000 if they:

- have between 1-19 employees and an annual turnover of more than \$75,000;
- have total Australian wages below the NSW Government 2019-20 payroll tax threshold of \$900,000;
- have an Australian Business Number as at 1 March 2020, are based in NSW and employ staff as at 1 March 2020;
- are highly impacted by the NSW Government *Covid-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement* Order 2020 issued on 30 March 2020, defined as a decline in turnover of 75 per cent compared to the equivalent period (of at least two weeks) in 2019; and
- have unavoidable business costs not otherwise the subject of other NSW and Commonwealth Government financial assistance measures.

More details are available at <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-small-business-covid-19-support-grant>

Should your club meet these criteria and would like assistance applying for this grant, please let us know as the GSU would be happy to assist with drafting and submitting an application on the organisation's behalf.



2. Australian Government – JobKeeper Payment

Please note: this measure only applies to eligible clubs and/or supporter's clubs that employ staff (see full eligibility details below).

The JobKeeper Payment is open to eligible employers so they can continue to pay their eligible employees and restart quickly when the crisis is over.

Eligibility

Employers will be eligible for the JobKeeper payment if

- On 1 March 2020, you carried on a business in Australia or were a not-for-profit organisation that pursued your objectives principally in Australia.
- You employed at least one eligible employee on 1 March 2020.
- Your eligible employees are currently employed by your business for the fortnights you claim for (including those who are stood down or re-hired).
- For ACNC-registered charities other than universities and schools, your business has faced a 15% fall in turnover (for for-profit entities see <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/eligible-employers> for additional eligibility requirements)
- Your organisation is not an ineligible employer (see <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/eligible-employers/#ineligibleemployers>)

For the full eligibility details for employers, visit <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/>.

How to apply?

Eligible employers must apply for the JobKeeper payment from 20 April 2020 onwards via the online form at <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/jobkeeper-payment/employers/enrol-and-apply-for-the-jobkeeper-payment>. You must do this by the end of April to claim JobKeeper payments for April.

3. Australian Government – Boosting Cash Flow for Employers

Please note: this measure only applies to eligible clubs and/or supporter's clubs that employ staff (see full eligibility details below).

Eligible businesses and not-for-profit organisations will receive between \$20,000 to \$100,000 in cash flow boost amounts by lodging all their activity statements up to the month or quarter of September 2020. The cash flow boosts will be delivered as credits in the activity statement system from 28 April 2020.

Eligibility

To be eligible, not-for-profit organisations must have:

- held an active ABN on 12 March 2020;
- have an aggregated annual turnover less than \$50 million; and
- made payments to employees.

For full details, please visit [https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Business-activity-statements-\(BAS\)/In-detail/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers/#Eligibility](https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Business-activity-statements-(BAS)/In-detail/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers/#Eligibility).

How to apply?

Eligible organisations must lodge their activity statement to receive the cash flow boosts.

The initial cash flow boosts will be delivered as credits in the activity statement system from 28 April 2020. If you lodge before 28 April 2020 you will only be credited with the cash flow boost from this date. More details are available at [https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Business-activity-statements-\(BAS\)/In-detail/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers/?anchor=Deliveryofthecashflowboosts#Deliveryofthecashflowboosts](https://www.ato.gov.au/Business/Business-activity-statements-(BAS)/In-detail/Boosting-cash-flow-for-employers/?anchor=Deliveryofthecashflowboosts#Deliveryofthecashflowboosts)



Support measures for members

4. Mental Health Support

Please note: this information is for all members.

To help keep clubs and members motivated during social isolation, SLSNSW has collated some resources and fun activities to share. If you need help during this time, we encourage you to speak with family and friends, and you can call the support services below:

Lifeline Australia: 13 11 14

Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636

Additional health resources are available via <https://www.surflifesaving.com.au/resources/coronavirus-covid-19-updates-resources-slsnsw-members>.

Kind Regards

Surf Life Saving New South Wales