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SPECIAL UPDATE

COVID19 RESTRICTIONS EASED

The NSW Government announced the [easing of some COVID-19 restrictions](#) from Friday 15 May. The following are now allowed:

- Cafes and restaurants can seat 10 patrons at any one time and continue to provide takeaway and delivery;
- Weddings of up to 10 guests;
- Indoor funerals up to 20 mourners and outdoor funerals up to 30; and
- Religious gatherings/places of worship up to 10 worshippers

A reminder that places open to the public must allow at least [4 square metres of space](#) for each person on the premises.

Please refer to the [NSW Health website](#) for information about COVID-19, business trading restrictions and details of what you can and can't do under current public health orders.

Council is pleased to advise its Customer Service Centre at 33 Moore St, Liverpool, has reopened to the public from 8.30am – 4.30pm weekdays. The area has been deep cleaned and a security guard is ensuring a maximum eight visitors are allowed to enter at any one time, through separate entry and exit points.

If preferred, customers can raise a customer request by phone 1300 36 2170 or online. Development Applications can be lodged through our eplanning portal.

We have also recently unveiled a [one-stop shop on our website](#) for you to keep updated on current Development Applications, Public Exhibitions and Notices, Expressions of Interest, Tender Advertisements, Development Consents and Complying Development Certificates.

For up-to-date information about Council's services and facilities, [click here](#). Visit

our [business support webpage](#) for details of support available to your business from Council, the NSW and Australian Governments.

INVESTMENT IN THE GREAT SOUTH WEST

The NSW Government last week announced funding for Council to fast-track one of its [tactical urbanism projects, for Railway Serviceway](#), to boost foot traffic and vibrancy in our recovering city centre.

In recent weeks Council has advocated to the NSW Government for funding of a list of 23 shovel-ready projects across the Liverpool LGA, valued at over \$120 million, to support the recovery of Liverpool's economy. The projects range from urban design and road upgrades to arts centre improvements and sustainability enhancements, providing job opportunities and community infrastructure to support the region's growth.

Council recently announced that Channel 9's The Voice Australia reality series has made Liverpool its new home for season nine. The move adds to the region's economic diversity and sets a precedent for other large-scale television and film productions to come to our great city in the future, demonstrating that we can play a longer-term role in supporting Australia's arts, culture, media and entertainment industry.

SMALL BUSINESS GRANT SUBMISSIONS DUE 22 MAY

Submissions for Council's [Business Resilience Grant](#) program are due Friday 22 May.

Businesses that meet the selection criteria can apply for up to \$5000 each to develop or strengthen their online strategy to ensure they can continue to operate during this challenging time and into the future. This online strategy could involve pivoting your business or operating model, offerings or marketing strategy to connect with new and existing customers.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

#LOVELIVO SUPPORT LOCAL CAMPAIGN

If you're a small business and still open, [complete this form](#) and we'll add you to our '[Open for Business](#)' directory to help let the community know.

Please use the hashtag #LoveLivo to share updates on social media about your trading hours and any offers for the community. Residents are also being encouraged to shop local and to use the #LoveLivo hashtag to help spread the local love.

#LOVELIVO LIVE

This new monthly online event, hosted on [Council's Facebook page](#), will live-stream local musicians while encouraging viewers to shop local.

We're [seeking Expressions of Interest](#) to fill 4x 20-minute time slots per event, held from 4.30pm-6pm on the last Thursday of each month until the end of July. Slots are open to local performers and businesses looking to showcase their talents or

do online tutorials, recipe videos, dance classes or the like. Get creative and put your name out there!

IDEAS 2170: REBUILDING A REGIONAL ECONOMY

Council and Western Sydney University's Ideas 2170 discussion series returns on Tuesday 26 May, 4.30pm-6pm. Shifting to the digital space, you'll hear from a panel of visionaries from the government, university and private sectors on ways a regional economy can be supported during major shocks or stresses such as the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Click here to register your attendance](#) to this free panel discussion and Q&A.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Liverpool will be the proud host city of Economic Development Australia's flagship event, [NEDC20](#), from 18-20 November with the theme, *Breaking New Ground – Building a Resilient Future*.

Australian and international experts will deliver knowledge and insights around unlocking the value of catalytic projects, as well as how cities and regions of all sizes can deliver economic development outcomes through collaboration.

Early-bird registration is available until 31 August and the conference provides a unique opportunity to promote your business to the economic development leaders of Australia through sponsorship. [Click here](#) for conference and sponsorship information.

BUSINESS ADVICE, MENTORING AND WORKSHOPS

ADVICE AND MENTORING

If you would like personal support, a Business Connect Advisor can help with strategies to navigate your business through this period. As well as English, advisors speak other languages including Arabic, Vietnamese and Chinese. To book a free advisory session through the [Business Connect program](#) and connect with an advisor, email Council's Business Programs Officer, Tracy Lee on LeeT@liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

Western Sydney University's [Launch Pad advisory service](#) is offering online learning and mentoring to small businesses in Western Sydney.

WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

TAFE NSW is [offering fee-free short courses](#). For local business owners and managers, there are qualifications in leadership performance, practical business skills and computing skills, which can be completed in a few days or weeks.

[Business Connect](#) and a range of other organisations in our network are hosting webinars and online workshops to help businesses navigate this challenging period. Visit our [business support webpage](#) for links to online learning opportunities.

NSW Treasury is [hosting a free webinar](#) from 12.30pm-2pm on Thursday 21 May to provide an overview of current and future opportunities for government

contracts, how businesses can get involved, and tips on getting your business procurement ready.

NEWS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS AND LANDLORDS

There are important safety considerations for building owners and managers to address prior to re-opening buildings to workers as restrictions ease. Please refer to the [Safe Work Australia website](#) for information about your work health and safety obligations.

If you're a commercial or residential landlord who has reduced your tenants' rent for any period between 1 April and 30 September 2020 due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for the NSW Government's land tax relief measures. [Click here for details](#) and to apply by 31 October.

RECOGNISE SOMEONE OUTSTANDING

Nominations for the 2020 Order of Liverpool Awards are now open. Awards are presented on 7 November each year, the date Liverpool was founded, to citizens who have made outstanding contributions to the Liverpool community.

[Click here for details](#) and ensure your nomination is in by Thursday 23 July.

GET IN TOUCH

Liverpool's business community is inspirational in how it is pivoting to adapt and thrive in this current climate and we want to hear about your story.

If you have innovative pivots to share, or would like more information about support available, please get in touch. Refer to our [business support webpage](#) or speak to a Business Liaison Officer over the phone on 1300 36 2170 or by email at business@liverpool.nsw.gov.au.

The team is continuing to contact local businesses, so if we haven't spoken to you yet, we look forward to talking to you.

As always, please continue to support each other and keep yourselves, your employees and our community safe.

Liverpool City Council City Economy Team

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