

# Agribusiness Newsletter

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## July 2021 Newsletter

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Once again we are facing a COVID-19 outbreak and enforcement of new [COVID-19 safe regulations](#) in our state. The Economic Development Team continues to advocate on behalf of, and assist business within our region. Please don't hesitate to contact Ali Briggs directly with any issues, concerns or good news stories.

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### **Service NSW - Small business fees and charges rebate**

If you are a sole trader, the owner of a small business or a not-for-profit organisation in NSW, you may be eligible for a small business fees and charges rebate of \$1500.

This rebate helps businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19 and encourages growth by reducing the cost of running a

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business. Eligible businesses or not-for-profits only need to apply for the rebate once, but can submit multiple claims until the full value of \$1500 is reached.

Funds can be used to offset the costs of eligible NSW and local government fees and charges due and paid from 1 March 2021.

These include, but are not limited to:

- food authority licences
- liquor licences
- tradesperson licences
- event fees
- outdoor seating fees
- council rates.

The rebate will be available until 30 June 2022, and more details are available via [Service NSW](#).

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### **NewAccess for Small Business Owners**

NewAccess for Small Business Owners is a free and confidential mental health coaching program, developed by Beyond Blue to give small business owners, including sole traders the support they need.

The program uses Low-intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (LiCBT) that allows participants to recognise the way they think, act, and feel and break unhelpful thoughts.

Over six sessions, coaches with a small business background will work with you to overcome difficult issues, providing you with practical skills to manage stress and get you back to feeling like yourself.

At your first appointment your coach will complete an initial assessment with you, and develop a program tailored to your individual needs.

NewAccess for Small Business Owners is available nationally by phone or video call and more details can be found [here](#)

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### **Flood Recovery Grants**

Recovery grants of up to \$75,000 are available for eligible primary producers and up to \$50,000 are available for eligible small business or not-for-profit organisations.

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For information on available recovery assistance for primary producers, visit the [NSW Rural Assistance Authority website](#). For information on available recovery assistance for small business, visit the [Service NSW](#) website.

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### **Strengthening Business Service**

The Strengthening Business Service is a free service to assist bushfire affected businesses to recover, grow and become more resilient, recognising that many businesses have also been devastated by COVID and the recent flood event. Businesses should be eligible for this service if they were engaged in business with an ABN during the bushfires (1 Aug 19 – 29 Feb 20) and were impacted either directly or indirectly by the fires. If eligible, a Strengthening Business facilitator will work with you to create and help implement a roadmap for your business going forward.

The Strengthening Business Application is done online at: <https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Strengthening-Business>

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### **Feral Cat Survey**

North Coast Local Land Services is working with Griffith University to understand more about domestic and feral cats in your local area. If you live in the North Coast region, they want to hear from you in this survey. To thank you for your time completing the survey, you can join a draw to win 1 of 5 \$100 gift cards.

Complete the survey now: <https://prodsurvey.rcs.griffith.edu.au/catmanagementT1>

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### **Local Weed ID Guide**

Identifying and controlling weeds just got easier with the highly-anticipated release of the **Weeds of the North Coast of NSW: a guide to identification and control** book. For more information about the book, including where you can get a copy see <https://bit.ly/3d7pnwj>

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## **Farm Safety and Children**

Now that school holidays are in full swing, safety should be top of mind!

The Team at [Farmsafe Australia](#) have put together some easy to follow resources to keep children safe when they are on the farm

Check them out here <https://bit.ly/2U8zIBg>

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