

Dear George Town Chamber of Commerce Member,

Re: COVID-19

The spread of the Coronavirus in Australia has caused major ripples to occur through the population and more particularly through our economy. All levels of government have provided direction, assistance and stimulus packages to businesses taking all actions possible to keep the wheels of industry moving.

The Chamber of Commerce fully supports the George Town Council's initiative to "Shop Local". We will be undertaking a Social Media campaign to encourage residents to support local business.

Several initiatives have been rolled out by government to assist business. And email was sent to Chamber Members which provided a guide to assistance packages that are available. I would ask you to please check your emails to ensure you have received the recent email from the Chamber.

In addition to the support packages that are available, the George Town Chamber of Commerce has sought the assistance of a consultant, Chris Davis, Van Diemen Project, who will willingly assist you should you need it. I have provided Contact details below.

The TCCI is also working closely with the State Government and other Federal bodies to identify specific needs of industry. To that end, we would encourage you all to contact the Chamber either by email or phone with suggestions of ways governments could target packages to meet the needs of businesses.

Industry representative have already identified the following areas where assistance may be provided:

- Support for energy bills
- Relief from banks
- Long Service Leave accruals – allowing employees to access this at 7 years to use for quarantine/COVID-19 requirements – Currently employees can access at 7 years due to illness.

TCCI has also set up a free help line that is available to show the members and other people in our community. This number is:

TCCI Free call	1300 559 112
Chris Davis, Van Diemen Project.	0488 296 375

We can overcome the economic malaise we are faced with, but only if we seek all the assistance provided and support those around you. Buy Local and care for your neighbour.



James Cameron