

## **Kyogle Council develops COVID-19 relief package**

Kyogle Council has adopted a package of relief measures to support businesses and ratepayers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The package includes rent relief for Council's commercial tenants, suspension of debt recovery measures until the end of the year, and waiving interest payable on outstanding rates and charges from 1 April until December 2020.

Council also agreed at its April meeting (14 April) to provide local businesses with free training in online digital marketing in a bid to boost online sales and retailing and to waive fees and charges associated with routine inspections of food premises.

Kyogle Council Mayor Cr Danielle Mulholland said the day-to-day lives of residents and local businesses had been severely impacted by emergency measures to contain the virus.

"The Kyogle Council area, like the rest of country, is feeling the impacts of these necessary restrictions – no area is immune," Cr Mulholland said.

"Council is all too aware of the challenges the community is facing now and will continue to face in the coming months.

"We hope the suite of measures we've adopted will go some way in supporting the local economy and protect jobs until life returns to normal."

In addition to the relief package, Council is providing local businesses and individuals with information on Federal and State Government COVID-19 relief programs and initiatives and will help, as required, with completing and submitting application forms.

Staff will also look at developing further measures to support business as the pandemic continues and later as businesses move into the recovery phase.

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