

Welcome to our new newsletter!

These will be monthly updates on the Network, and highlights on members and events. Please send in any events or updates that your business would like to include.

Meet the President!

Last month at our AGM, Claire Sawatzky was appointed as President of Phillip Island Business Network with her intention is to listen and be empathetic in her role as President in order to progress the Network forward. Claire opened Barefoot Potential a Yoga, Pilates and Exercise Studio in March 2017, after teaching group classes her whole life – it is the only job she has ever had! When asked why she is passionate about wellbeing she stated “I love that when your body is well, it’s a major part in all of a person being well. Being prosperous and empowered in yourself is so much smoother when your body is well”. Claire is a mum to two boys, and when she isn’t working she enjoys hiking and skiing; she can even speak Japanese!



Events

Our series of online training events kicked off with Ella Angarane - Acting Senior Advocacy Officer from Bass Coast Shire on preparing a successful grant application + Q&A. Ella particularly had some great tips for Outdoor Dining grants.



Ella Angarane-
Senior Advocacy Officer

The recording can be accessed for you to watch here:

[Grant tips](#) ✨

These events will be stored on our new website which is coming soon!

What training sessions would you like to see in the future?

Don't forget!



Don't forget to apply for Victorian Government grants!

We encourage businesses to apply for the following grants as soon as possible. Remember you can call the Business Support hotline or get in touch with Destination Phillip Island if you need support.

SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZED BUSINESS ✨
(\$822 million): The third round of the Business Support Fund provides grants of \$20,000, \$15,000 or \$10,000, depending on size, to around 75,000 eligible businesses with a payroll of up to \$10 million.

Closes on the 23rd of November or when funds are exhausted.

LICENSED HOSPITALITY BUSINESS ✨
(\$251 million): The Licensed Hospitality Venue Fund provides grants of up to \$30,000 for licensed pubs, clubs, hotels, bars, restaurants and reception centres, based on their venue capacity and location, plus liquor license fees waived until 2021.

Closes on the 23rd of November or when funds are exhausted.

OUTDOOR EATING AND ENTERTAINMENT PACKAGE BUSINESS GRANTS ✨

Grants to support businesses adapt to outdoor dining and entertainment, helping move the indoor dining and cafe experiences Victorians love, outdoors.

Closes 11th December or when funds are exhausted.

SOLE TRADER SUPPORT FUND ✨
(\$100 million): The Sole Trader Support Fund provides grants of \$3,000 to over 30,000 eligible sole traders in sectors such as retail, accommodation and food services, creative and media, hairdressing, gyms, events, education and training who operate from a commercial premises or location as a tenant.

Open now.



Council will be running a Christmas Display Competition for residents and businesses – with 1 winner per Ward for each competition (six winners in total).

The prize for the business winner of the Island Ward will be funded by Phillip Island Business Network and is valued at over \$1000, including the following:

- North Pier
\$100 voucher
- Wildlife Coast Cruises
\$150 voucher
- Flowers of Phillip Island
\$200 voucher
- Phillip Island Business Network
Membership - \$100
- Barefoot Potential
2 New Member Passes - \$120 voucher
- 4 x 10 min Go cart sessions at P.I. Circuit
\$140 voucher
- Family pass to A Maze'n'Things
\$140 value
- 4 parks pass to Phillip Island Nature Parks
\$55 value



Applications will open on Monday the 16th of November.

To apply you will need to upload one (1) photo of your display to Bass Coast Shire Councils website.

See Bass Coast Shire Council's website for further information. Winners for the business competition will be voted for by the community. The competition is aimed at supporting local businesses and therefore prizes for other winners will be hampers composed of local products.

If you would like to donate small vouchers or products from your business towards the residential winners, please get in contact with Jaquelina before the 30th of November.