

VACC COVID-19 UPDATE

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This week I would like to welcome Ms Andrea Chwalko to the Industrial Relations' team.

Andrea is co-founder & partner of [The Payroll Advisory Co](#) and has extensive experience with payroll operations and the mechanisms of the Australian Taxation Office.

Andrea is here to assist members with details regarding government grants and initiatives.

Members, please note that all questions relating to JobKeeper and JobSeeker should still be directed to Industrial Relations (IR) until further notice. We are awaiting further details from Government once it has passed parliament (which we expect to be this week).

Once the JobKeeper legislation becomes operative Andrea will be able to provide advice to members regarding the processing of applications, how to best manage the application process along with reporting requirements set by the new legislation and how this can then be best administered by your payroll team or through your payroll system.

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All other industrial relations questions relating to legal employment obligations should continue to be directed to the IR hotline: 9829 1123.

1. GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

SME Guarantee scheme

As previously announced, small businesses with a turnover of up to \$50 million can apply for loans to assist with cash flow over the coming months. The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman, Kate Carnell outlines what you need to know about the scheme.



COVID-19 - SME Guarantee Scheme
[youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

Code of practice for commercial tenancies

The National Cabinet is developing an industry code of practice for commercial tenancies. More information will be provided in the coming days.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

Interacting with VicRoads during the coronavirus outbreak

VicRoads would like to remind members they are still open for business; however, many services have been moved to online.

The quickest and easiest way to view your vehicle information, update your registration period, change your personal details and manage registration payments and reminders is through a myVicRoads account.

[Signup to myVicRoads](#)

[Login to myVicRoads](#)

Click on the table below to take you to relevant links

Transaction type	Link
Vehicles & Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renew your registration• Check vehicle registration• Update your address• Setup and manage short term registration• Get an Unregistered Vehicle Permit• Order custom number plates ↗• Renew vessel registration
Drivers & Licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Renew your licence or learner permit*• Order replacement driver licence or learner permit ↗• Practice learner permit test• Order driver history report (including demerit point report) ↗• Renew your marine licence*• Call 1300 728 977 for automated demerit point check
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Upload and submit forms• Order books and publications online ↗• Light trailer vehicle identification number request form• Search the probationary prohibited vehicle database ↗

*You can only renew your licence online if the photo we have of you in our records is current. Visit [renew your licence or permit](#) for more.

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Business.gov.au is the Federal Government's one-stop-shop for consolidating all business-related grants, initiatives and support.

Members are encouraged to subscribe to their newsletter to be kept updated directly by the government. You can subscribe [HERE](#).

Jobs Hub

The Australian Government has launched a Jobs Hub website to help Australians find work during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Jobs Hub advertises the latest vacancies from businesses across Australia.

Visit the website [HERE](#).

Land tax deferral

Land owners due to pay 2020 land tax that have at least one non-residential property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million have the option of deferring their 2020 land tax payment until after 31 December 2020.

Who is eligible for a deferral?

Landowners that have at least one taxable non-residential* property and total taxable landholdings below \$1 million.

*Non-residential property includes:

- Commercial property,
- Industrial property, and
- Vacant land (excluding residential vacant land).

How do I know if I am eligible?

The State Revenue Office will directly contact all eligible taxpayers.

How long can I defer payment?

2020 land tax payments can be deferred until after 1 January 2021, and will need to be paid in full by 31 March 2021.

What if I have already paid my 2020 land tax?

Landowners can request a return of the tax paid. The State Revenue Office will contact all eligible landowners and provide further information, including about how to request the return of your payment.

How do I find my total taxable landholding?

Your property information, including your total taxable landholding, is available in My Land Tax.

For further information click [HERE](#).

2. NEWS

Mobile phone location data used to track Australians' movements during coronavirus crisis

Vodafone has provided the mobile phone location data of several million Australians in an anonymised and aggregated form to the federal and NSW governments to monitor whether people are following social distancing restrictions amid the coronavirus pandemic. To date, governments, medical experts and the media have used location data from transport apps such as CityMapper, which shows how people move throughout cities like Sydney and Melbourne using public transport, in an attempt to determine whether people's movement has reduced.

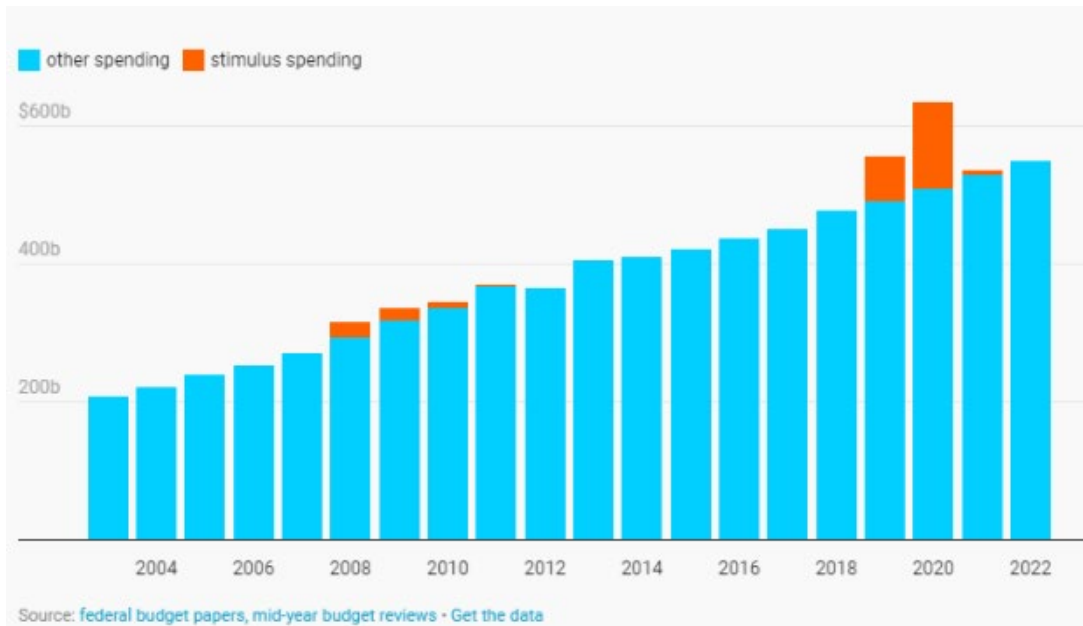
WA border closure 'will cause frustration' warns Premier, but must go ahead

Shutting State borders will cause frustration, Mark McGowan concedes, but is in the best interests in the State's war with coronavirus. A "hard border" closure will be implemented from midnight tonight, locking everyone out of WA including West Australians who remain out of the State unless they fall under exemption criteria.

Australia's coronavirus spending to protect economy dwarfs the GFC stimulus package

The ABC has reported that government spending to protect the economy seriously dwarfs the GFC, whereby the government spent \$51 billion to avoid recession.

You can read the full story [HERE](#).



3. Previous Update Issues

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Disclaimer: *The information gathered has been drawn from a number of sources and VACC strongly recommends that members revert to the primary source of information for any clarification.*