

Executive Director Update

Welcome to 2021 and we wish you a safe and productive year ahead.

At a Federal level there remains an array of issues before industry, and media engagement by ATIC has been high over the new year period.

This first industry update for 2021 has refreshed details and links on both ATIC initiatives and current Federal programs which may be of real interest.

We encourage you to participate in our important Business Insurance survey which remains open for feedback.

ATIC will present the collective findings in the near future to Government.

Simon Westaway, Executive Director



Working Holiday Maker Survey Extended

Austrade is extending its Working Holiday Maker survey until **29 January 2021**.

This will help the Federal Government understand current insights around Working Holiday Makers, their value for business and the challenges in recruiting a regional workforce.

If you've employed or tried to employ Working Holiday Makers recently, you're encouraged to can take part in the survey by clicking on the link below.

[Complete Survey here](#)

Insurance Survey

ATIC is endorsing the QTIC developed survey around the important issue of insurance and its current impact on the industry.

Sourcing insurance cover has emerged as a significant challenge in the economic recovery of tourism businesses across Australia.

The Queensland Tourism Industry Council (QTIC) is currently facilitating a project that seeks to identify the specific issues of concern in relation to insurance for tourism and hospitality businesses in QLD and nationally.

The goal of the project is to identify and highlight the challenges faced by all parties and in turn explore potential solutions to improve financial and operational viability of all businesses involved. The project's first phase is planned to be completed in June 2021.

QTIC is currently seeking input from all tourism and hospitality businesses and other stakeholders who are involved in risk management.

This national survey is seeking information and case studies for inclusion in the initial research phase of the project.

Please click on the link to complete the survey.

[Complete Survey here](#)



Federal Government Grant Programs

Building Better Regions Program – Tourism Infrastructure Projects

Just prior to Christmas the Deputy Prime Minister released program guidelines specific to tourism infrastructure projects for the next round of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF).

This program opens for applications on **12 January 2021** and will close on **5 March 2021**. Application details and further information are available [here](#).

COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program – Update

Applications for the Federal Government's COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program are now open and your business, if a tour arranging service or travel agency, may be eligible.

There is a range of criteria to meet for the one-off taxable grant which is an online application process through the Services Australia Business Hub.

The COVID-19 Consumer Travel Support Program Grant Opportunity commenced on 14 December 2020 with the latest grant details released onto GrantConnect on 4 January 2021. Some information has been subsequently updated. Please note a change relates to Part 4 of the Guidelines in the Program.

For all new applications commenced after 4 January 2021, eligibility is based on the G1 figures in an applicant's Business Activity Statements for the 2019 calendar year as they were reported as at 14 December 2020. You can view the Grant Opportunity [here](#).

For further information or to access the Grant Opportunity documents please visit [GrantConnect](#)

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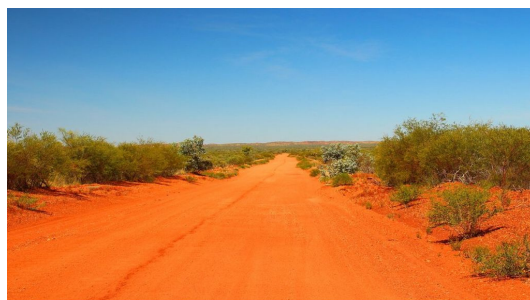
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Borders Update (as at 10 January 2021)

	Border Status	Scale of Opening	Hotspots	Remaining
NSW	OPEN	OPEN	SYD (Areas), Brisbane	N/A
VIC	OPEN	NSW – Closed QLD – Brisbane	NSW, Brisbane	N/A
ACT	OPEN	Greater Sydney Greater Brisbane	SYD, Brisbane	N/A
NT	OPEN	Greater Sydney Greater Brisbane	SYD, Brisbane	N/A
Queensland	OPEN	OPEN – PERMIT (NSW)	SYD Brisbane	N/A
South Australia	OPEN	Greater Sydney Greater Brisbane	SYD Brisbane	N/A
Tasmania	OPEN	Greater Sydney Greater Brisbane	SYD Brisbane	N/A
Western Australia	OPEN	NSW & VIC & QLD- Closed	NSW, VIC, QLD	N/A
INTERNATIONAL	CLOSED	Hard border		Hard closed
	Trans Tasman bubble	16 October – partial NSW/ACT/NT/SA/VIC/TAS/QLD – OPEN		NZ one-way



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