

Victoria Update

On the 4th August 2020, the Victorian Premier announced that Victoria would implement Stage 4 restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne and Stage 3 for Regional Victoria including Mitchell Shire LGA. This will be in place until the 13th September 2020. Stage 4 Restrictions included enhanced Health Orders and several hotels are forced to closed.

We are pleased to say that our advocacy efforts resulted in the Department of Health and Human Services confirming that accommodation providers could remain open for essential reasons other than government programs.

The Accommodation Association partnered with the Victorian Tourism Industry Council to conduct a series of Virtual Town Hall to provide clarity on the requirements for Stage 4 restrictions for Metropolitan Melbourne, Stage 3 restrictions for Regional Victoria accommodation operators and on the grants and support funds available. The Victorian government were guests at the Virtual Town Hall series to assist with operators' individual questions to ensure the industry was well informed and able to respond immediately.

Visit our website to keep informed with the [Victorian government requirements](#), [Stage 3 Restrictions Resources](#) and [Stage 4 Restriction Resources](#) and [Victorian Grants and support funds](#) available.

Extension of Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme

The Association has been advocating strongly and providing key data points to the Victorian Government on the need to continue the [Commercial Tenancy Relief Scheme](#). We are pleased with the Victorian Government's decision to [provide further land tax relief for landlords and business owners](#), in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, as part of its extension of the commercial and residential tenancy relief schemes until 31 December 2020.

If members have specific questions please contact the us via phone 1300 304 397, email mail@aaoa.com.au or you can contact the Business Victoria hotline on 13 22 15 or visit the [State Revenue Office website](#).