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Stay connected and get the best advice and support

Representatives of Business NSW, BizHQ, CWRDA and CNSWJO are pooling their ideas on what the region is doing and what could be advocated for as the Covid19 situation continues to evolve.

“It is very important that we help ourselves, firstly our lives and then our livelihoods,” said Cr John Medcalf OAM, Chair of Central NSW Joint Organisation, Mayor of Lachlan Shire Council

“The key peak regional development bodies are doing everything they can to help with supporting our local economies. It’s important to keep in touch with these organisations and take advantage of what they have to offer,” said Cr Medcalf

BizHQ is delivering;

- Business advice via zoom and phone funded by Business Connect (NSW Government)
- Webinars and workshops on different topics.
Follow <https://www.facebook.com/CentralNSWBusinessHQ/> to find out more
- Digital advisors funded by Australian Government

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Central West Chair, Christine Weston encourages everyone to continue to shop, spend and invest locally when and where they could.

"RDA Central West is proud to be working closely with the other lead economic development entities across the Central West. Our resolve is being tested, but we are stronger working together," she said.

"RDA Central West will continue to advocate on the region's behalf to ensure the stimulus measures to date hit the mark and are responsive to the needs of our region. We welcome the collaborative approach of different levels of government in response to this situation."



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Business NSW, who were formally the NSW Business Chamber, represents businesses in NSW and are helping by providing;

- A dedicated & free destination to help business owners stay updated and understand what Coronavirus means for their business & employees - www.businessaustralia.com.
- A Workplace Advice Hotline to personally answer human resource, industrial relations and legal queries
- Free legal & human resource guides, templates, Q&As and articles.
- Assistance to understand all the Federal & NSW Government stimulus packages
- Working in conjunction with your Local Chamber to bring on more resources and assistance as needed
- Advocating on business' behalf to ensure everything is being done to help businesses survive this pandemic

“We are all in this together and doing as much as we can from home. It’s hard work and this is why it’s even more important to use technology to stay connected. I am so impressed with the way our community is stepping up to support local businesses, support our vulnerable people and look after everyone’s health,” said Cr Medcalf

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