

## 1. FREE business consulting and counselling

As part of the Bettering Balonne, businesses across Balonne Shire can access a FREE service providing 1:1 business consulting and counselling assistance as a result of the impacts from COVID-19 and the on-going drought.

Confidential assistance will be provided up until mid-May 2020 by Small Business Assistance & Advisory Services via both videoconferencing and teleconferencing/telephone services. It is encouraged that if you require assistance to make contact ASAP.

Businesses can discuss any issues and options that they may have that include, but not limited to:

- Eligibility for Commonwealth and State Government COVID-19 stimulus funding (Boosting Cash Flow, Job Keeper and Job Seeker programs, business support)
- Assistance – business options, diversifying (e.g. online sales), business planning, financial management, or any other business-related support service required
- Employment related services - assistance with understanding HR issues but not legal advice

**Businesses can contact Small Business Assistance and Advisory Service directly:**

Eric Allgood, Managing Director, Small Business Assistance and Advisory Service, 07 3701 5045 or 0407 670 876, [info@sbaas.com.au](mailto:info@sbaas.com.au), [www.sbaas.com.au](http://www.sbaas.com.au)



## 2. FREE support to businesses - emotional stress and trauma for businesses

If your business is experiencing emotional stress and trauma as a result of the impacts from COVID-19 and drought, Bettering Balonne is providing a FREE service to your business commencing in late April. Team Resilience Group will provide coaching, consulting and support services that include:

- An initial discussion around current issues
- Provide support services that include 8-weeks of online (Zoom) webinar series around well-being services such as: leadership, emotional well-being, emotional intelligence, awareness
- A tool book with course information
- An additional 1:1 strategy session for urgent issues
- Unlimited messaging support



**For a confidential discussion, further information and to register for the program, please contact: Trent Shaw, Director, Team Resilience Group on 0428 783 951, [info@teamresiliencegroup.com.au](mailto:info@teamresiliencegroup.com.au), [www.teamresiliencegroup.com.au](http://www.teamresiliencegroup.com.au)**

## 3. FREE Business Mentoring – up to 5 hours for ALL shire-based businesses

Balonne Shire Council is currently delivering a business mentoring across the shire to Agriculture & Horticulture, Small businesses and tourism businesses. Due to COVID-19, Council is delivering an additional mentoring. Businesses will be able to access up to 5 hours of FREE professional mentoring advice and assistance from a selected panel of professional mentors. ALL businesses including farming operations are encouraged to apply for this service to assist with areas such as: business operations, structure, opportunities, long-term financial planning and sustainability to name but a few. This program will commence in late April 2020.

**For further information, please contact Garnet Radford, Economic Development Officer, Balonne Shire Council, 07 4620 8805 or 0418 168 824, [garnet.radford@balonne.qld.gov.au](mailto:garnet.radford@balonne.qld.gov.au), [www.balonne.qld.gov.au/business/home](http://www.balonne.qld.gov.au/business/home)**

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## 4. [www.stgeorgeqld.com](http://www.stgeorgeqld.com) - Website for Jobs in Balonne Shire

Balonne Shire has a local jobs board platform! Businesses looking to employ staff can contact Liz Hill to post job vacancies on the [www.stgeorgeqld.com](http://www.stgeorgeqld.com) website. Job seekers are also encouraged to post their interest on the site. <http://stgeorgeqld.com/Employment-JobSeeker>

**Employers and job seekers can contact: Liz Hill, Director, Connect South West Queensland, 0428 259 299, [liz@stgeorgeqld.com](mailto:liz@stgeorgeqld.com), [www.stgeorgeqld.com](http://www.stgeorgeqld.com)**

