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## NSW GOVERNMENT ROLLS OUT SMALL BUSINESS BUSHFIRE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Small businesses affected by the recent bush fires can receive free, face-to-face advice about support available from the NSW Government through a series of information sessions which will begin today on the state's South Coast.

Deputy Premier and Minister responsible for Disaster Recovery John Barilaro and Minister for Finance and Small Business Damien Tudehope said the first information sessions will be held in eight towns in the region including Batemans Bay and Tumut.

Mr Barilaro said the sessions will cover a variety of topics including the Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grant, Disaster Assistance, Volunteer Firefighter Payment, the NSW Bushfire Clean-up, Part Qualification Funding and Workplace Mental Health.

"The Small Business Bushfire Recovery Grant announced last week will help small businesses to get back on their feet and these information sessions will inform business owners how they can access those funds," Mr Barilaro said.

"I know that small business owners in these communities will be looking for advice about a number of issues, whether they have had a business or home destroyed, or have lost trade due to low tourist numbers, so the information sessions will cover a wide range of topics.

"Even as the immediate threat passes, people are telling me they are dealing with a great deal of stress and they have lots of questions about what is on offer, so we've also factored plenty of time into each session for one-on-one conversations with staff."

Mr Tudehope encouraged small business owners to register for their nearest information session by visiting [www.nsw.gov.au/bushfireinfosessions](http://www.nsw.gov.au/bushfireinfosessions) to find out more. "Small enterprises are the lifeblood of every community and we want to do everything we can to support them during this time," Mr Tudehope said.

"We've been in touch with local councils and industry groups on the ground to spread the word about these sessions because the information is essential for small business owners dealing with the recovery process."

Mr Tudehope said the NSW Government will provide information sessions in other bushfire impacted parts of the state in coming weeks.

Small businesses unable to attend the information sessions can find out more about what's available by visiting [www.service.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-customer-care-service](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/bushfire-customer-care-service).

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**INFORMATION SESSION DATES**

TOWN	VENUE	DATE (2020)
Batemans Bay	Club Catalina, 54 Beach Road	10 February
Narooma	Club Narooma, 88 Princes Highway	11 February
Bega	Club Bega, 82 Gipps Street	12 February
Eden	Eden Fisherman's Recreation Club, 217 Imlay Street	13 February
Mogo	Tomakin Sports & Social Club, 71 Sunpatch Parade	18 February
Bermagui	Bermagui Country Club, Tuross Street	19 February
Tumut	Club Tumut, 24-30 Richmond Street	25 February
Batlow	Batlow RSL, 6 Mayday Road	26 February