

Media release

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Regional Restart Hub launched to help businesses

The Cradle Coast Authority (CCA) has launched a Regional Restart Hub on its website, to help businesses recover from the impact of COVID-19.

Spokesperson for the Devonport Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rod Bramich, said the Regional Restart Hub would provide a valuable tool to support small businesses to get through the COVID-19 crisis.

"This is unlike anything our local small businesses have ever seen. The Regional Restart Hub will be a valuable source of information and will help businesses to know that they're not alone, that we're all in this together," Mr Bramich said.

The Hub has three key features:

- Request a mentor – small business owners can complete a simple online form to help CCA match them with a volunteer mentor. This free service was [announced last week](#).
- [Funding Finder](#) – users can easily search for grants and other financial assistance, viewing key eligibility information at a glance.
- Tools, tips and checklists – practical tools that small business owners can work through by themselves or with their mentor, to help them get their business back on track.

CCA CEO Daryl Connelly said that while there were plenty of other websites seeking to pull together COVID-19 recovery information, this one was tailored to businesses in our region.

"The mentoring program and Funding Finder are Cradle Coast Authority initiatives for Cradle Coast businesses. Our region has been hit harder than others, and our Member Councils and other partners – including UTAS and CPA Australia - are responding accordingly".

These are all part of CCA's immediate response to COVID-19. Our Regional Economic Development Steering Group is coordinating the development of a range of medium and long term solutions that will seek to complement, bring together and build on the good work of Chambers, the University of Tasmania, all tiers of government and other partners.

The Hub can be found at www.cradlecoast.com/regional-restart-hub

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