

JUJUBE BETTER BELIEVE IT!

AMIDST the doom and gloom there has been some good news this week with Currajong gaining a record haul from the jujube farm at Akuna Road in Parkes.

The haul, approximately a 100 x 4 kilogram boxes worth, at market is roughly \$3000 for Currajong with up to another 100 still to be filled. "We are very happy with the result and hope to get the next hundred boxes filled before it rains later this week as rain has been forecast," said Wayne Kreidemann of Currajong Disability Services.

"It's taken a lot of time and effort from many including participants, staff and board members Ray Nielsen and Neil Unger.

"It's that great sense of spirit, effort and dedication that has seen us in this position," said Wayne.

With rain forecast for this evening and later in the week the race is now on to pick the remaining jujubes as excess rain will split them and render them not suitable for sale.

"We got rain at the right time over the last month or so but we just need to pick these this week and hope it holds off a bit for us," Wayne said.

"These jujubes look great, the size is tremendous and they are becoming extremely popular and hopefully we can continue to meet that obligation.

Everyone at Currajong does too!



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Information on income support payments for people already getting a payment



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You don't need to do anything

If you already get a Centrelink payment, you don't need to contact us to get additional payments. This includes the two lump sum \$750 Economic Support Payments to support households and the \$550 additional Coronavirus Supplement. This will happen as part of your usual payment. You can't nominate a particular day to get your payment.

Economic Support Payments

FIRST LUMP SUM PAYMENT

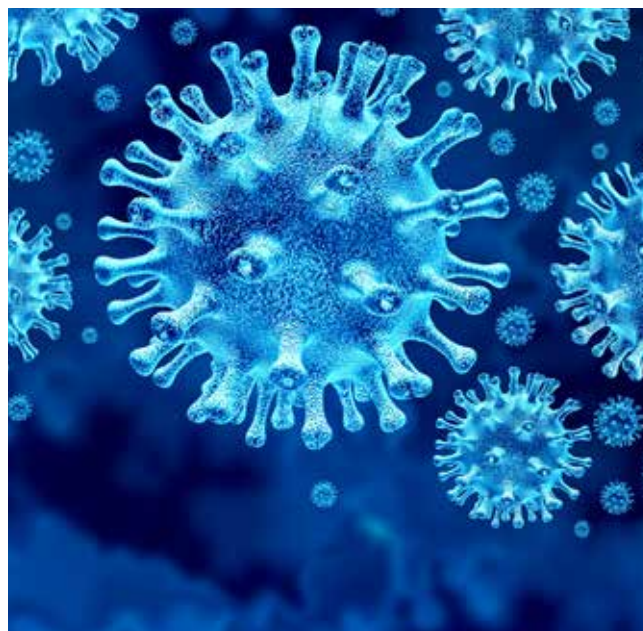
We'll pay you \$750 from 31 March 2020 if you're getting an eligible payment on any day between 12 March to 13 April 2020.

To be eligible for the first payment, you must be residing in Australia and getting one of the following payments, or hold one of the following concession cards, at any time from 12 March 2020 to 13 April 2020:

- Age Pension
- Disability Support Pension
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Wife Pension
- Widow B Pension
- ABSTUDY (Living Allowance)
- Austudy
- Bereavement Allowance
- Newstart Allowance
- JobSeeker Payment
- Youth Allowance
- Partner Allowance
- Sickness Allowance
- Special Benefit
- Widow Allowance
- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Family Tax Benefit Part B
- Double Orphan Pension
- Carer Allowance

- Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holders
- Commonwealth Seniors Health Card holders
- Veteran Service Pension
- Veteran Income Support Supplement
- Veteran Compensation payments, including lump sum payments
- War Widow(er) Pension
- Veteran Payment
- DVA PCC holders
- DVA Education Scheme recipients
- Disability Pensioners at the temporary special rate
- DVA Income support pensioners at \$0 rate
- Veteran Gold Card holders
- Farm Household Allowance

If you're a Commonwealth Seniors Health Care Card holder, you'll need to make sure we have your bank account details. You can update your bank account details through myGov using your Centrelink online account.



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CURRAJONG UPDATE

Message to the Currajong Disability Services Community about COVID-19

COVID-19 has impacted our world and transformed the lives of so many people, our thoughts are with all who are affected by this global outbreak.

Currajong remains focused on supporting our NDIS participants, their families/carers/ support networks and the wider community. This unprecedented crisis has concentrated our efforts on ensuring the safety and protection of our participants and staff while remaining proactively compliant with the Australia Government regulations/ recommendations and still providing the high-quality service and support Currajong is known for.

Currajong has implemented all the personal hygiene recommendations and social distancing regulations of the Australian Government and will continue to comply with any future directives to minimise the spread and risk of infection with the Coronavirus. Currajong has implemented several changes in its day to day operation, endeavouring to ensure we can continue to deliver necessary supports and provide the essential services that people with a disability require throughout this time of global and national crisis. These include:

- * Providing increased 1:1 Support Services rather than group-based activities.***
- * Temporary closure of the Day Program group activity schedule.***
- * Ensuring continuity of support to high-risk vulnerable individuals in their home.***
- * Monitoring access to our Supported Accommodation Services.***
- * Personal consultation with participants and families on how Currajong can best support them through this unfolding crisis.***
- * Ensuring surfaces and equipment are regularly cleaned and disinfected frequently each day and in between use.***
- * Limiting the amount of non-essential travel for Participants and staff.***
- * Allowing office employees who can work remotely from home to do so.***

Currajong is committed to supporting individuals with a disability during this challenging time and is continually exploring how we can provide the necessary supports you require. Our team is available for any questions or to discuss your concerns.

Stay safe and well

Jeffrey Evans
CEO



There's always something going on at Currajong!





How to protect yourself, mob and community from COVID-19.

- Clean your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or an alcohol-based hand rub
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing/sneezing with a tissue or a flexed elbow
- Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- Stay home if you are sick
- Don't touch your face after touching other surfaces



WESTERN NSW LOCAL HEALTH DISTRICT COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) CALL CENTRE 1300 066 055

This information is made available to support our Aboriginal communities to reduce your risk through the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). We all have a responsibility to make smart decisions to protect our families and communities.

DOWN UNDIES PRESENTS

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST BOGAN FESTIVAL

Bedgerabong Racecourse, Bedgerabong, NSW
(BBONG)

POSTPONED

2019 EVENT

CAMPING ALSO AVAILABLE

WWW.BOGANFEST.COM.AU

TICKETS AT - EVENTBRITE.COM.AU/E/93021733509

PAULY FENECH, CHRIS FRANKLIN, BENNY BOGAN,
THE NOLL BROTHERS & SPECIAL GUEST, HYPE DUO
AND MORE!



Information on income support for Coronavirus



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Have you ever received income support?

You may already have a Centrelink Customer Reference Number (CRN). This may be from when you got student or family payments or even from when your parents received benefits for you. CRNs don't change. You have a number for life. If you previously had a CRN, you can use that number now to go online to make a claim.

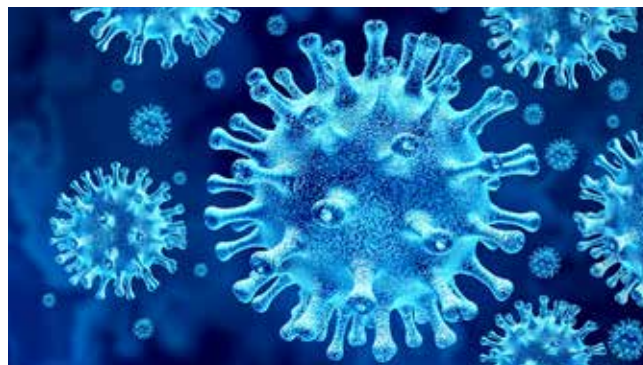
Please take the time to look for this number. It will help you claim quickly. Your CRN may be listed on old bank statements, letters or documents from your educational institution.

I've never received income support or can't find my CRN

There are three things you need to do as a priority.

[my.Gov.au](https://my.gov.au)

1. Create a myGov account at **my.gov.au** – it's quick and easy to do. You'll need an email address, mobile phone number and to answer some basic questions. Once you've created your account, link it to a government service, like Medicare or the Australian Taxation Office. Once you do this, you'll get a prompt to register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment.
2. Register your intention to claim a Centrelink payment. This simple process will let you give basic details so we can contact you later to help you with your claim. It's important you complete this process and give correct details. This process also enables us to backdate your payment if your claim is successful.
3. You'll need a CRN. The easiest way to do this is to wait until we contact you after you've registered your intention to claim a payment. You can also contact **132 850** and answer some simple questions about your identity to get your CRN. You'll need to have details of your passport, driver licence or birth certificate.



Once you've completed these steps and set up your Centrelink online account, you can start your claim for an income support payment. You'll need some supporting documents (including your CRN). We're updating the online claim to reflect new Government policy and legislation that aims to support Australians affected by Coronavirus. This will take time.

Due to a large number of claims, it will take time for us to contact you. Remember, your payment will be backdated if you registered your intention to claim a payment.

You may choose to do your full claim through myGov using your Centrelink online account without registering your **intention to claim**. To do this you'll need to know your CRN.

Accessing Services Australia

In line with the current advice from the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, there's a reduction in the number of people in service centres to maintain social distancing practices for the health and safety of customers and staff. If you choose to come to a service centre it's likely you'll experience a delay. If you're waiting in a queue you must practice social distancing.

Our job seeker line **132 850** has extended hours of operation from 8am to 8pm local time on weekdays and 9am to 5pm local time on weekends.



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Currajong Condobolin



TIM McDonald continues to kick goals with Currajong Disability Services.

From his own job, new place and set routines, Tim continues to be a shining example of what life with opportunities is all about at Currajong. It's also worth noting that the outstanding effort of all the support team at Condobolin is also a big factor in why Tim is achieving all his goals.

"We are very happy with the Condo Currajong support staff," said Jodie Turner of Currajong Disability Services.

"They have all done a fantastic job despite many challenges and we are grateful."



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DIDJA KNOW?
Simple steps for hand hygiene.



- After coughing and sneezing
- When caring for the sick
- Before, during and after you prepare food
- Before eating
- After using the toilet
- After handling animals
- When your hands are visibly dirty

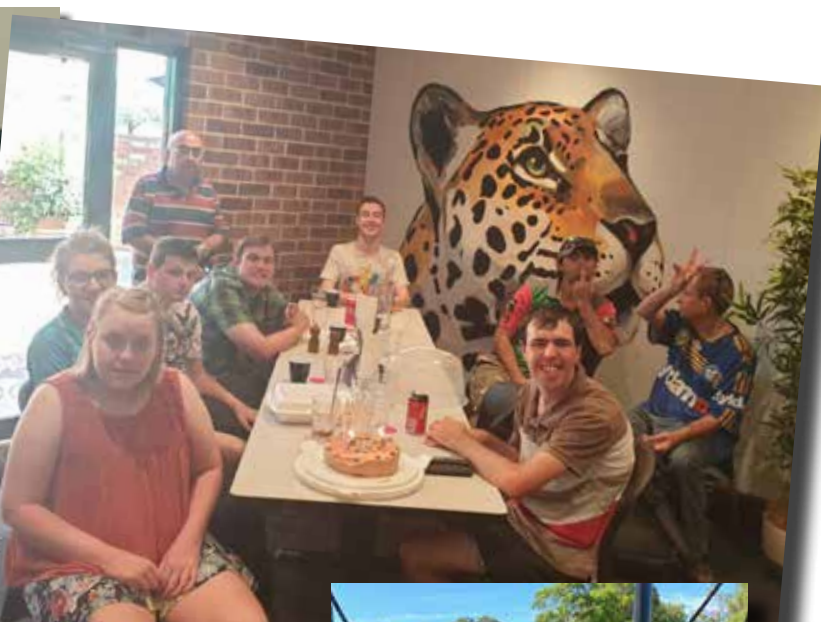
Coronavirus Important Contact Information

National Health Direct Line: 1800 020 080

Follow the Western NSW Local Health District Facebook Page or go to our website: wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

Western NSW Covid-19 Call Centre by contacting your local hospital and pressing 0 for the Covid-19 Call Centre - Operating 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday





Latest NDIS advice for participants/providers - 25 March

The NDIA is making some changes to the plan review process in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If a participant has a scheduled plan review, the NDIA will contact them by phone or email to undertake their review.

As part of this plan review process, a participant can discuss having a new plan in place for up to 24 months.

In addition, the NDIA will be making changes to NDIS systems over the weekend to make sure participants have the funding they need during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

To ensure participant plans don't end, on the day a plan is due to expire, it will be automatically be extended by 365 days.

Previously these automatic plan extensions were for 28 days but will now will be 365.

Participants who have plans that expires soon, do not need to do anything to have their plans automatically extended by 365 days.

For more info go to - <https://www.ndis.gov.au/>

For all your paper shredding ...



E: mail@currajong.org.au

COVID-19

LIFESPAN ON DIFFERENT SURFACES



air

3 hours - includes moisture from coughs/sneezes, fog, dust, medical gas



copper

4 hours - includes taps, draw handles



non-porous surfaces

4+ days- includes door knobs, elevator buttons, hand rails, light switches



cardboard

24 hours - packages and mail unlikely to transmit COVID-19



plastic

2-3 days - includes bottles, plastic bags, containers



glass

9 days - includes mobile phones, use disinfectant wipes not alcohol wipes

Source: World Health Organisation

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