

Single site funding support for COVID-19 impacted areas in the Jervis Bay Territory and New South Wales

Following the [extended hotspot declaration](#) in all of New South Wales by the Australian Government Chief Medical Officer, Professor Paul Kelly, workers at residential aged care facilities in impacted areas are asked to continue limiting their work to a single facility to reduce the risk of transmission and protect workers and residents. This includes Jervis Bay Territory, as clarified by the Chief Medical Officer on 28 August.

Australian Government grant funding is available to support implementation of these arrangements in the whole of NSW until **10 September 2021**; the range of activation dates across different locations are listed below. Single site arrangements should remain in place throughout this period.

Location	Activation date	End date
Greater Sydney, including Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour	16 June	At least 10 September, pending no cases in residential aged care
City of Cessnock City of Lake Macquarie Dungog Shire Maitland Muswellbrook Shire Newcastle Port Stephens Council Singleton Council	5 August	At least 10 September, pending no cases in residential aged care
Armidale Regional LGA Regional Council of Tamworth Byron Shire Richmond Valley Ballina Shire Lismore	8 August	10 September
City of Dubbo Bogan Shire Council Bourke Shire Council Brewarrina Shire Council Coonamble Shire Gilgandra Shire Council Narromine Shire Council Walgett Shire Council Warren Shire Council	11 August	10 September
All Regional NSW, including Jervis Bay Territory	14 August	10 September

Where this results in additional workforce expenses, providers are able to seek reimbursement from the Australian Government through the [Support for Aged Care Workers in COVID-19](#) (SACWIC) Grant. The SACWIC grant opportunity remains open until 31 December 2021.

For providers in Orange City Council, Blayney Shire Council and Cabonne Shire Council, single site arrangements were in place from 21 July to 4 August before being reintroduced on 14 August. Where providers maintained these arrangements, any out of pocket costs incurred between 4 and 14 August can be claimed through the SACWIC Grant.

In addition to funding support, a reminder that providers can also access guidance on practical implementation of single site arrangements, including employee relations expertise, through the [Guiding Principles Support Hub website](#) or hotline on **1800 491 793**.