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SUPPORT JOBS WITH A FREE PUB MEAL AT YOUR LOCAL

NSW residents are being urged to use the State Government's new "Out and About" voucher scheme to support jobs down at their local by dropping in for a pub meal.

AHA NSW has welcomed the State Budget initiative which will see NSW adults eligible for four \$25 vouchers to support the hospitality, arts and cultural sectors – two of the vouchers can be used for dining out at hotels.

AHA NSW CEO John Whelan said this was a tremendous initiative which will help all hotels, as the sector and hotel employment continues to be impacted by the pandemic.

"Pubs right across the state are still operating under significant trading restrictions so this is the perfect reason to get down to your local pub, show your support and let the NSW Government shout you a burger or a schnitzel," Mr Whelan said.

"Out and About" vouchers will be made available through the ServiceNSW app and hotels will register to be part of the scheme (alcohol and gaming are not included in the program).

AHA NSW also welcomed other measures in today's Budget including Payroll Tax changes which will see a temporary reduction in the PT rate, from 5.45% to 4.85% for two years and a permanent increase in the PT threshold, from \$900,000 to \$1.2 million from 1 July 2020.

Other welcome measures included \$1500 digital vouchers for small and medium businesses and on-going relief for commercial landlords supporting tenants.

NSW hotels directly employ 75,000 people across the state.

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