



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **NSW LAUNCHES OUT & ABOUT VOUCHER SCHEME TO HELP LOCAL BUSINESSES RECOVER FROM COVID-19**

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, has welcomed the NSW budget announcement that NSW residents will be given \$100 worth of digital vouchers that can be used at eateries and on arts and tourism attractions across NSW.

Ms Preston said the vouchers were part of a flagship \$500 million program to help business, stimulate the State's economy and support local jobs.

"The program is of strong value and importance to our local businesses and their employees who have been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic," Ms Preston said.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the \$500 million Out & About program is designed to boost businesses hit hard by the pandemic, by encouraging people to get out and enjoy the best of NSW.

"No industry has felt the economic impacts of COVID-19 more than the hospitality, arts and tourism industries," Mr Perrottet said.

"NSW acted swiftly to save lives and stop the spread of COVID-19 and we want to help businesses by encouraging spending within local communities, especially within the hospitality, arts and tourism sectors."

Every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total - with the program designed to encourage people to spend multiple times to support their local businesses.

Two vouchers can be used for eating in at venues such as restaurants, cafes, clubs and other food service venues and two vouchers can be used for entertainment and recreation, such as cultural institutions, performing arts, cinemas and amusement parks.

Service NSW will operate a pilot of the scheme throughout December in the Sydney CBD before launching Out & About across NSW in the new year.

Vouchers will not be redeemable for tobacco, alcohol or gambling. For more information, visit [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

To become a COVID Safe business, please register via [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au).

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