



Local Council support resources for business owners

Supporting businesses affected by property acquisition for the safe construction of Suburban Rail Loop East.

We understand compulsory acquisition and relocation can be a challenging time for business owners and that some aspects of the formal process can be difficult to understand.

In addition to the support available from Suburban Rail Loop Authority, the local councils along the SRL East alignment each provide resources to assist businesses. This includes advice and guidance for permits and licenses, small business development guidance and opportunities for grants and funding.

Free services offered to businesses by your local council

Bayside City Council

Business concierge

Personal business concierge who can assist you with applying for permits, building permissions, business registrations and trading permits.

Business mentoring

Free one-on-one mentoring sessions through the small business mentoring service, where you can seek advice and support from experienced mentors at any stage of your business journey.

For more information, visit bayside.vic.gov.au/services/business-and-commerce

Kingston City Council

Business support and resources

A range of initiatives and resources are available to support and develop businesses within Kingston, including mentoring, workshops and events.

Business wizardry service

A free service that provides a business expert to guide you through the process of registering your business and any permits and approvals you require.

Sustainability support

A range of services to assist in reducing business costs. This includes finance programs and an energy advisor to help you with assessments, energy upgrade funding and advice on available government schemes.

Mentoring

Free mentoring program that provides confidential advice from business mentors.

For more information, visit kingston.vic.gov.au/services/business

Monash City Council

Business permit facilitation service

An online application process for business permits and trading licenses. A Business Application Officer is available to help guide you through the process.

Mentoring and workshops

Free mentoring sessions are available through the small business mentoring service. Experienced mentors can offer advice and support for any stage of your business journey.

For innovators, the Eastern Innovation business centres hosts programs and events to support local founders through their journey.

Business networks & awards

A range of professional networks are available, including active local trader associations.

The Monash Business Awards program offers networking opportunities and the chance to get recognised as an exceptional business through the competitive program.

Monash grants finder

A complete list of funding and grant opportunities open to community groups, businesses, and individuals. The online resource includes instructional videos to help applicants use the tool and improve applications.

Reducing business running costs

Support to access various programs and funding available to help you assess and reduce business running costs, with available government schemes such as the energy upgrade program.

For more information, visit monash.vic.gov.au/business

Whitehorse City Council

Small business mentoring

A range of mentoring opportunities for the business community, including:

- Small Business Clinics that provide general business advice for planning, starting or growing your business.
- Small Business Vouchers for 90-minute mentoring sessions with the Small Business Mentoring Service
- Small Business Bus visits operated through Small Business Victoria, which provide 45-minute sessions with an experienced business mentor.

Grants finder

A comprehensive list of grants and funding opportunities for all Whitehorse local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

Business facilitation service

The Whitehorse Investment and Economic Development unit can provide guidance regarding permits and licences as well as directing specific enquiries to the relevant departments.

Business Growth and Support

A range of business support initiatives are available, including the Think Local Buy Local program, the Whitehorse Business Group (a local business networking group) and several communication platforms to stay updated with business information and upcoming campaigns.

For more information, visit wbiz.com.au

Contact us

Your Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) Case Manager is the best person to guide you through your acquisition circumstances. You can find their contact details on the cover letter that accompanied your Notice of Intention to Acquire.

If you have any questions about the project or are unsure who your Case Manager is, contact the SRL Property team on **1800 105 105** or email property@srla.vic.gov.au

More information

To find out more about Suburban Rail Loop:

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