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Dear Business Owner,

Outdoor Dining Opportunities

Following the State Government's recent announcement confirming that regional Victoria will progress to the Third Step of roadmap to recovery, our Business Support Team is pleased to lead conversations supporting the activation of new and exciting outdoor dining opportunities.

As we move toward the warmer months, we expect to see visitor numbers return however, with physical distancing restrictions and customer limits likely to be in place for some time, alternative options need to be considered.

We are exploring opportunities to free up additional outdoor space including footpaths, parklets and road closures, to create welcoming communal spaces for outdoor dining and trading. Creating a vibrant open space can generate a buzz that gets people talking, visiting and spending.

Safety and accessibility is paramount. There will be requirements that need to be met to ensure the safety of everyone and for some businesses; the process will be a little different, particularly if you have a liquor licence.

Our Team is available to help you through the process, including expediting permit applications and approvals to ensure trade expansion occurs quickly and safely.

Please see the attached information sheet for just some of the options we'll be exploring. We're encouraging you to get creative about the possibilities and get in touch with our Team who can help you make it happen. Send your expression of interest, proposals, ideas and/or feedback to business.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au or contact the Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ali Wastie".

Ali Wastie

Chief Executive Officer

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