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DINE & DISCOVER LAUNCHES IN THE ROCKS AND BROKEN HILL TO HELP BOOST NSW BUSINESSES

The commencement of the NSW Government's \$500 million Dine & Discover stimulus program is a step closer, with testing starting in The Rocks and Broken Hill today.

Treasurer Dominic Perrottet said the program will help turbocharge local economies.

"We've heard loud and clear just how challenging it has been for businesses during the pandemic and this investment is exactly what the economy needs with things quietening down after a busy summer period," Mr Perrottet said.

"Whether it's a café, restaurant, museum or wildlife park, small businesses are the lifeblood of NSW, and we encourage people to embrace Dine & Discover and help support their communities and boost jobs.

"The testing phase will give businesses and customers an opportunity to test the technology and provide feedback, before the vouchers are rolled out across the state."

Minister for Customer Service Victor Dominello encouraged eligible businesses to register and customers to download the Service NSW app now.

"These vouchers will provide customers with much needed hip pocket relief and encourage them to get out and about safely," Mr Dominello said.

"Business registration is simple and can be done online in a matter of minutes.

"We are using technology to make life easier for people and I urge customers to download the Service NSW app now in advance of the wider rollout. The app can also be used to download a Digital Driver Licence, renew registrations and check-in safely to venues."

Only businesses who have registered for the program will be able to accept the Dine & Discover vouchers, and customers are encouraged to check in advance.

Phase 2 is expected to start later this month with pilots in the Northern Beaches, Sydney CBD and Bega Valley Shire Council. The state wide rollout is expected to take place in March.

Following the state wide rollout, every NSW resident aged 18 and over will be eligible for four \$25 vouchers worth \$100 in total, to spend in participating businesses.

Registered businesses will be able to access a new app that will enable them to read, validate and accept vouchers. They will also be able to check transaction history and payments pending through their MyServiceNSW Business Profile.

Further information or to register for the program visit: <u>www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/dine-and-discover-nsw</u>

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