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Woodville Alliance welcomes the NSW Government's financial support package for not for profits

Woodville Alliance welcomes the announcement of the reduction in the JobSaver revenue threshold from 30% to 15% in recognition of the unique funding arrangements of not for profits.

[https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/\\$200-million-support-package-for-not-for-profits](https://www.dcj.nsw.gov.au/news-and-media/media-releases/$200-million-support-package-for-not-for-profits)

Woodville Alliance, CEO, Pam Batkin, said “This new financial support package means that rather than focusing on cost cutting and rising deficits, we can focus on our core business of working with our communities to make life better for everyone. It will also make it much easier when we begin to reopen our services in person that we aren’t distracted by not having enough staff or buildings from which to provide services. We can focus on addressing the new and emerging needs created by the pandemic.”

Woodville Alliance services are located in Fairfield and surrounding LGAs of concern. During this lockdown we have ramped up our weekly hamper deliveries to people who are without food and to those who have COVID or are in isolation. Additionally, we have made some of our empty buildings available for vaccination clinics which will vaccinate 1,200 people. Some of our services have been able to continue on line, whilst many others have been suspended by NSW Health, our childcare centre is operating with a small number of children.

During this lockdown Woodville has worked closely with Fairfield City Council and other local placed based agencies to advocate for our community and to work together to respond to emerging community needs. This includes increased mental health concerns for all people, higher levels of unemployment and poverty and increases in family violence and children at risk.

The Fairfield community needs to be acknowledged and thanked for despite many ongoing challenges from COVID and the lockdown local residents have responded by significantly reducing movement and maintaining high rates of testing and vaccinations. Fairfield, even though it may not have all the infrastructure and resources of some other regions, is as always, a vibrant and compassionate community.

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