

Stand downs & redundancies – COVID-19, Australia (as at 21 April 2020)

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Date ¹ / Company or employer	Stand downs ²	Redundancies ³ (work in progress)	Source
19 March / Qantas (inc. Jetstar)	20,000 (out of 30,000)		https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-19/qantas-has-just-stood-down-20000-staff.-how-can-they-do-that/12069964
20 March / Woodside Petroleum	400		https://www.pipeliners.com.au/2020/03/20/offshore-alliance-hits-out-at-woodside-over-job-losses/
23 March / Federal Group (entertainment etc, Tasmania)	More than 1,800		https://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/6692112/federal-group-to-stand-down-1800-employees/
23 March / AFL AFL clubs	80% of staff Unspecified no		https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6691303/afl-clubs-stand-down-staff-in-shutdown/?cs=14280
23 March / Helloworld Travel	1,300, 65% of workforce (globally)	275 (globally)	https://www.travelweekly.com.au/article/helloworld-to-stand-down-65-per-cent-of-workforce-ceo-to-take-no-salary/
24 March / Endeavour Group (ALH pubs and hotels)	8,000		https://www.afr.com/companies/retail/woolworths-postpones-hotel-drinks-demerger-20200324-p54dai
25 March / multiple NRL clubs	Unspecified no.		https://www.smh.com.au/sport/nrl/in-shock-multiple-clubs-stand-down-staff-in-one-of-nrl-s-darkest-days-20200325-p54dw5.html
25 March / APC Co (fashion retail)	Unspecified no.		https://www.mybusiness.com.au/human-resources/6777-michael-hill-shuts-stores-hospitality-job-losses-continue
25 March / Star Entertainment Group	90% of 9,000		https://www.afr.com/companies/games-and-wagering/the-star-stands-down-almost-9-000-staff-20200325-p54dpj

¹ Date of media report (not necessarily date of stand downs/redundancies).

² Does not include reductions in working hours (without full stand down). Durations of stand downs vary. In some instances, the number of stood down employees is an estimate based on reported total staff numbers.

³ Employees (unless otherwise specified, e.g. contractors) laid off. Some instances of ending engagement of casuals are included here.

25 March / Virgin Australia	8,000	1000	https://www.travelweekly.com.au/article/virgin-to-stand-down-8000-staff-as-domestic-capacity-cut-by-90-per-cent/ https://www.smh.com.au/business/companies/virgin-to-make-1000-redundancies-all-tigerair-pilots-to-go-20200326-p54e23.html
26 March / Flight Centre	3,800 in Aust (out of 6,000 globally)		https://www.afr.com/companies/tourism/6000-staff-stood-down-or-cut-at-flight-centre-20200326-p54e3b
26 March / Mosaic Brands (retail clothing) Viva Leisure (gyms)	6,700	800 casuals, cancelled shifts	https://www.sharecafe.com.au/2020/03/26/mosaic-star-stand-down-staff-wesfarmers-shutters-kmart-nz/
26 March / Opera Australia	More than 600		https://www.smh.com.au/culture/opera/opera-australia-offers-lifeline-to-stood-down-staff-20200325-p54dpz.html
26 March / Adelaide City Council	400		https://indaily.com.au/news/local/2020/03/26/city-council-staff-stood-down-amid-covid-19-fallout/
27 March / Myer	10,000 (2,000 rehired in online business)		https://www.afr.com/companies/retail/more-carnage-as-myer-closes-stores-stands-down-10-000-staff-20200327-p54er6 https://www.businessinsider.com.au/myer-online-sales-rehire-workers-2020-4
27 March / Lovisa (jewellery retailer)	1,300 (globally; Aust/NZ = biggest market)		https://www.jewellermagazine.com/Article/8791/Lovisa-closes-Australia-New-Zealand-stores
27 March / Adairs (homewares retailer)	Nearly 2000		https://www.afr.com/companies/retail/zero-rent-adairs-shutters-nearly-2000-staff-stood-down-20200327-p54eik
27 March / PAS Group (clothing retail)	Unspecified no.		https://www.businessnewsaus.com.au/articles/adairs--review--black-pepper-and-jets-swimwear-to-shut-down-bricks---mortar-stores.html
27 March / Football Federation Australia		70% of staff	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-sport-australia/more-layoffs-for-australian-sport-amid-coronavirus-shutdown-idUSKBN21E0UE
28 March / Health Care (hospitals)	800 Later report said 300 (but will seek to re-engage)		https://www.msn.com/en-au/news/australia/private-hospital-company-stands-down-800-staff/ar-BB11PtEz https://www.afr.com/companies/healthcare-and-fitness/late-health-care-says-support-deals-will-re-employ-staff-20200401-p54fz4

28 March / Victoria Racing Club	Majority of staff		https://www.racing.com/news/2020-03-28/news-vrc-stand-down-staff
28 March / Cotton On Group	22,000 (globally)		https://www.news.com.au/finance/business/retail/cotton-on-closes-its-stores-due-to-coronavirus/news-story/6a2062d049618c332ea5da2c69276d5b
29 March / Country Road Group	5000		https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/6701475/country-road-group-stands-down-5000-staff-in-latest-covid-19-closure/
31 March / Rugby Australia	More than 100, 75% of staff		https://www.smh.com.au/sport/rugby-union/rugby-australia-to-stand-down-75-per-cent-of-staff-20200331-p54fp5.html
31 March / Football Victoria	50% of workforce		https://www.ftbl.com.au/news/football-victoria-to-stand-down-over-50-of-staff-545855
1 April / 7 A-League clubs	Unspecified no.		https://www.foxsports.com.au/football/a-league/aleague-news-coronavirus-2020-pfa-john-didulica-standdown-notice-suspended-postponed-cancelled/news-story/97213a75a7d17608fd998c8dae4e49b0
1 April / Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia (Uluru Resort)	363 (& 118 seasonal staff resigned)	More than 19	https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-01/uluru-resort-stand-down-hundreds-amid-coronavirus/12111016
1 April / KPMG Australia		200	https://goingconcern.com/layoff-watch-20-kpmg-to-slash-200-jobs-in-australia/
2 April / City of Mandurah City of Geraldton	95	100	https://www.mandurahmail.com.au/story/6709663/job-losses-for-nearly-100-mandurah-council-employees/
3 April / Harris Scarfe (in receivership)		59	https://www.smartcompany.com.au/industries/retail/harris-scarfe-workers-redundancy/
6 April / City of Greater Geelong	576		<i>Geelong Advertiser</i> , 'Calls for City of Greater Geelong to redeploy almost 600 staff'
7 April / Tabcorp	700	160 contractors	https://www.businessnewsaus.com.au/articles/tabcorp-stands-down-700-staff-as-sport-hiatus-bites-into-betting.html
8 April / Foxtel	140	200	https://www.afr.com/companies/media-and-marketing/foxtel-cuts-200-jobs-stands-down-140-more-20200408-p54id2
9 April / Hardie Grant Publishing Scribe Publications Lonely Planet		9 (out of 200) 2 Unspecified no.	https://www.artshub.com.au/news-article/news/covid-19/staff-writer/job-cuts-hit-publishing-industry-260178 https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-04-09/lonely-planet-to-cut-melbourne-office-as-coronavirus-hits-sales/12136662

10 April / WA local councils	100s of staff		https://www.watoday.com.au/national/western-australia/wa-councils-stand-down-hundreds-of-staff-as-coronavirus-costs-soar-20200407-p54hyr.html
10 April / The Wiggles (touring crew)	Unspecified no.		https://musicfeeds.com.au/news/the-wiggles-forced-to-stand-down-touring-team-ahead-of-cancelled-shows/
14 April / Melbourne Symphony Orchestra	All musicians		https://www.theage.com.au/culture/music/struggling-melbourne-symphony-orchestra-stands-down-all-musicians-20200414-p54jso.html
14 April / Australian Community Media (regional newspapers)	Unspecified no.		https://thenewdaily.com.au/finance/consumer/2020/04/14/australian-community-media-coronavirus/
15 April / Burnie City Council	At least 50		https://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/6723294/burnie-city-council-standing-down-staff-in-coronavirus-response/
15 April / Haileybury College, Ivanhoe Grammar (and other private schools) ⁴	Unspecified no.		https://educationhq.com/news/high-fee-private-schools-taken-to-fair-work-commission-over-teacher-cuts-76052/
16 April / Crown Resorts	11,500 (95% of workforce)		https://www.businessinsider.com.au/crown-staff-stood-down-2020-4
16 April / TT-Line (Spirit of Tasmania)	Unspecified no.		https://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/6725569/tt-line-stands-down-workers/
16 April / Carriageworks (Sydney arts organisation)	19		https://www.smh.com.au/culture/art-and-design/arts-suffer-as-carriageworks-stands-down-staff-20200415-p54k34.html
16 April / Cricket Australia	Unspecified no. (80% of workforce)		https://www.smh.com.au/sport/cricket/coronavirus-crisis-forces-cricket-australia-to-stand-down-staff-20200416-p54kix.html
16 April / SkyCity Entertainment Group Kathmandu Holdings Retail Food Group Premier Investments (retail stores) Michael Hill	1,100 stood down/ laid off (Aust & NZ) Almost all Aust'n staff Majority of 500 e'ees 9,000 2,500 (Aust & NZ)	1,100 stood down/ laid off (Aust & NZ)	https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-australia-factbox/factbox-layoffs-in-corporate-australia-new-zealand-as-coronavirus-crisis-deepens-idUSKCN21Y05H

⁴ Under dispute in the Fair Work Commission in proceedings brought by Independent Education Union.

Accent Group (footwear) Redcape Hotel Group Viva Leisure Abano Healthcare (dental)	5,700 800 More than 90% of 2,200 workforce Majority of 2,300 e'ees (Aust & NZ)		
18 April / RMIT University La Trobe University		100s of 'non-essential' casuals All 'non-essential' casuals (on 1 May)	<i>The Age</i> , 'RMIT, La Trobe slash casual staff'
20 April / Boart Longyear (mining services)	Unspecified no.		https://indaily.com.au/news/business/2020/04/20/boart-longyear-stands-down-workers-as-drilling-revenues-dive/
20 April / Greyhound Australia	244 (out of 537)		https://www.busnews.com.au/industry-news/2004/greyhound-australia-stands-down-staff-issues-call-for-help