

## COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Good Morning Residents,

Phase 2 of eased restrictions came into effect on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020 in WA.

Council and Management will continue to be guided by the Federal Government, State Government and the Department of Health WA (DoH) in relation to appropriate responses relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The eased Restrictions include: -

- Indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings limited to 20 people;
- Western Australians are encouraged to return to work, unless unwell or vulnerable;
- Regional boundaries adjusted – travel is now permitted between Perth, Peel, Wheatbelt, South West & Great Southern Regions.

Subject to floor space available to comply with the 4sqm Rule: -

- Dine-in meal services can resume at restaurants and cafés, with a maximum of 20 patron limit (Decision by each business);
- Bars and pubs can reopen, but must operate like a restaurant (20 patron limit) (Decision by each business);
- Places of worship, libraries, community centres and community facilities may reopen, with a 20 patron limit;
- Outdoor fitness and Indoor dance classes allowed, with a 20 participant limit and minimal shared equipment;
- Non-contact community sport and training allowed, with a 20-person limit.

Any queries on patron limitations at facilities/venues are to be directed to the Quairading Police.

### **BUSINESSES**

To assist your business with a smooth transition to reopening and safe operation, the Shire is circulating the following information from the State Government. A COVID Safety Plan Template and Guidelines have been released and published online for industry groups, including food businesses and sporting and recreational groups. This information has been published on [the WA Government website](#) and is being led by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

**The COVID Safety Plan is in addition to the mandatory AHA hygiene course for hospitality industries.** Therefore, a food business and its employees will need to go online to complete the AHA course, and also print off a copy of the COVID Safety Plan Template. This will include a poster they can place in a visible location for patrons and authorised officers to sight.

For more information about the phase 2 changes, please visit <https://www.wa.gov.au/>

### **SHIRE**

The Administration Staff have fully returned to the workplace while adhering with social distancing requirements. In relation to Phase two of the State's roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions, a number of the Shire facilities will be reopened with strict operational and safety measures in place.

With the restrictions being carefully pulled back by the Federal and State Governments, the Shire has reopened the following facilities, but all premises are subject to having an approved COVID Safety Plans prepared and in place, which includes the requirement for the Names and Contact details of persons entering / using the premises to be recorded for Contact tracing by the Health Authorities (if necessary): -

- The Shire Administration Centre - Opening Hours are from 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday for face to face customer service.

In the interest of staff and public safety we ask you to consider the following when visiting the Shire Administration Centre:

- Maximum of 2 persons in the Foyer Area. Please wait outside if there are two people already in the waiting area;
  - Hand sanitiser is provided for application on entry and exit;
  - Maintain 1.5m distance between other members of the public and staff. Please do not feel offended if you are asked to distance yourself;
  - If you would like to meet with a member of staff, we encourage you to phone ahead to arrange a meeting prior to your arrival;
  - Cashless payment is preferred or payments can be made over the phone with a credit/debit card;
  - Do not enter if you are feeling unwell;
  - The Customer Service Team are available via phone on ph. 9645 2400 and email at [shire@quairading.wa.gov.au](mailto:shire@quairading.wa.gov.au) to assist with any enquiries that you may have.
- The Caravan Park, Cabins and the Cottage are now open for Bookings.
  - The Shire Depot Reception has reopened to the Public from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. To contact the Works Reception please phone on 9645 2412.
  - The Community Building and Town Hall are now open for Bookings.
  - Youth Centre will reopen shortly, with dates still to be finalised.
  - The Quairading Gym is to remain closed until the Government Restrictions on Gyms (with Shared Equipment) are lifted.
  - The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The Meeting will be held in the Lesser Hall – Strict Social Distancing and the 4 square metre Rule will be in place.

All facilities will also be subject to increased cleaning and safety measures in order to provide a safe environment for the Community and Staff.

## **HOSPITAL**

If you believe you have COVID-19 symptoms, please call the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080. If your symptoms persist or worsen please call the Hospital for triage ph. 9645 2222 and you will be provided with further instructions whether to or when to present at the Quairading Hospital.

## **QUAIRADING CRC**

The CRC reopened on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May, with full hours 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday. Building access is subject to strict Rules on the number of patrons at any one time. This will also apply to individual meeting rooms and hired spaces.

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