



## MESSAGE TO COMMUNITY

Good Morning Residents

On behalf of the Councillors and Staff, I write calling upon all our Community Members to keep safe during the Covid-19 Pandemic and strongly urge you, your family and friends to follow all Public Health Guidelines and Instructions during this extremely challenging time for not only our Community but for the broader Community.

I would like to thank our local businesses for continuing to source goods for our local community and finding solutions to the supply and delivery challenges. I urge everyone to support our local businesses at this time and to be respectful of the businesses, their Staff and fellow customers.

I also acknowledge the dedication of Health Care workers who are at the front line of the pandemic and I am sure that the Health Department and in particular the Quairading Hospital, St John Ambulance and the Medical Practice will do their very best to keep us healthy and in the event, care for those that are unwell.

I remind everyone to pay particular attention to their personal hygiene and to adhere to the physical Social Distancing recommendations and Self Isolation rules for those who are instructed to or advised to self isolate for the 14 day period.

Council and the CEO will continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation and will continue to provide Services dependent upon staff resources available. Facilities and Services such as the Community Gym and the Youth Centre have been closed until further Notice and the Swimming Pool Season will close immediately following the Infant Swimming Classes this Saturday morning.

I request that Community members who are feeling unwell please refrain from attending the Administration Centre and alternatively make contact by telephone or email. Electronic payment of Rates and Accounts is recommended and Council Staff can assist you with making these transactions or help you with your enquiry. Emergencies and urgent matters will always be attended to as High Priority.

I am pleased to report that the Quairading Local Emergency Management Committee convened last week to be briefed on what was the latest information from each of the Emergency Agencies. This Committee will meet as and when required to ensure that the Agencies and Volunteers are best supported and that we can best manage the situation locally.

I advise that this Month's Council Meeting scheduled for this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 commencing at 2.00pm, has been shifted from the Council Chambers to the Lesser Hall to ensure that Council is adhering to the Indoor Gathering Limits ordered by the Federal Government.

In Closing, these are indeed unprecedented times and actions for our small community, however this does extend further beyond and worldwide. I urge all Community Members to work together, stay calm and look out for the elderly and the vulnerable in our Community and may our Q Spirit get us through this time.

Regards



**WMF Davies - Shire President**

