

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Dear Residents,

Please find our Weekly Community Update from Essential Services in our Community.

This Weekly publication will be in the form of Letter Drop and Electronically to assist the Community during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The State Government has introduced further restrictions on travel within the State effective midnight Tuesday 31st March 2020, to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

From midnight Tuesday night (12am Wednesday morning), restrictions will be placed on travel within the entire State of Western Australia. Residents will not be permitted to leave the Wheatbelt unless they have a Reason for Exemption. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions if necessary, and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued.

Exemptions will apply in circumstances including employment purposes; medical or veterinary reasons; delivery of essential services including health or emergency services; people living across regional boundaries who may not have access to groceries or supplies immediately within their region; transport of goods; compassionate grounds; a family member has primary care responsibilities; for school, TAFE or tertiary study reasons; to escape domestic violence or due to an emergency.

Please refer to the State Government websites for further guidelines.
<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-latest-updates>

MOBILE APP

The Federal Government has launched the new coronavirus App which is now available on Apple and Android devices. This App provides a trusted source of information for Australians looking for important advice on how they can protect themselves and others, current restrictions on social gatherings, how they can access support and the latest data on Australian cases.

The App also allows Australians to voluntarily register if they are self-isolating to provide governments with important information to protect public health and safety.

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Effective from Monday 30th March 2020, the Shire Administration Centre will only be open for urgent business between the following Hours: -

9am – 12 pm and 1pm - 3pm

Council requests 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 preferred, and Department of Transport licencing can be processed via phone or directly online with the Department of Transport.

Please call the Shire on 96452400 or email shire@quairading.wa.gov.au

CARAVAN PARK & TOAPIN WEIR

Please note that the Caravan Park and Toapin Weir are closed to any Visitors. No new Bookings from the Public will be taken for the Caravan Park and Cabins. This measure has been put in place to limit the number of Visitors in our community and to help protect Council Workers.

MEDICAL PRACTICE

No Walk in's will be accepted at Surgery and Appointments are essential by ringing 96451210.

As of 30th March 2020 the Podiatry Clinics & Diabetic clinics have been suspended until further notice.

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.

THE QUAIRADING CO-OP

Quairading Co-Op has reduced its trading hours to ensure our staff don't burn out, we have time to stock shelves, orders to be packed and the store to be thoroughly cleaned.

Opening hours are: -

Monday, Wednesday + Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 10am - 7pm

TUESDAY, SATURDAY + SUNDAY: CLOSED

Our preferred method of shopping is via our ordering system- either call the store (9645 1205) or email (admin@quairadingfarmerscoop.com.au) with your list and arrange to pick it up or have it delivered. We are doing everything possible to reduce the number of people shopping in our store and the time they spend doing so. For those people who feel like they have to physically shop, no entry will be allowed until they sanitise their hands. Additionally, no person under the age of 18 is permitted in store, and we ask just one person from each family comes to do the shopping.

QUAIRADING POLICE STATION

Its business as usual for us however there are new triage process for the Police Station.

Our doors will be closed but we remain on duty. This does not change our duty, obligation or responsibilities, we are still responding and patrolling as per normal.

The intent of the triage is to prevent the potential spread of the virus and ensure the safety of the community and WA Police Force personnel.

In order to limit the potential spread of the virus it is advised that the front doors of police stations are closed, providing front counter staff the opportunity to triage the public prior to entry.

Members of the community can reach us on email: quairading.police.station.@police.wa.gov.au

We would ask that all members of the community abide by the social distancing rules and restrictions on gatherings in Public.

GRAEME FARDON - Chief Executive Officer