

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Good Morning Residents,

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

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

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.

MEDICAL PRACTICE

No Walk in's will be accepted at Surgery and Appointments are essential by ringing ph. 9645 1210.

Please follow all Surgery Staff instructions and obey Social Distancing rules.

The Podiatry Clinics & Diabetic clinics have been suspended until further notice.

REGIONAL (INTRASTATE) TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

The Travel Restrictions outside of the Wheatbelt Region have been in place for the past week.

Police have set up checkpoints and will also be patrolling major transport routes and people are only allowed to travel to another Region (such as Perth/Peel) if deemed to be travelling for work, for medical or veterinary reason, for essential study purposes, or on compassionate grounds.

A person engaged in agriculture, food production or primary industry is eligible for exemption.

Freight will continue to operate and is permitted to travel through regional boundaries.

In all cases it is strongly recommended that you have documentary evidence with you of your reason for travel and also have your Motor Vehicle Drivers Licence with you.

Please refer to the State Government websites for further guidelines and exemptions.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/covid-19-coronavirus-latest-updates>

EXTENSION OF RESTRICTED BURNING PERIOD (PERMIT REQUIRED)

DFES have extended the Restricted Burning Period to midnight on Thursday 30th April 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the likely reduced volunteer resources available in the event of a Bushfire. This is an Emergency Declaration and cannot be altered for the Quairading District.

Burning Permits must be obtained from your local FCO before conducting any Burn.

Please note that Permits will NOT be issued to anyone within the Quairading town site to conduct yard clean-up burns.

COMMUNITY CAR

The Community Car Service is currently not operating due to the social distancing restrictions in place. This measure is to protect both the Passenger/s and the Volunteer Driver alike.

SHIRE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

The Shire Administration Centre is open for urgent business only between the following Hours: -

9am – 12 pm and 1pm - 3pm

If you have urgent business at the Shire Administration Centre, please contact us on ph. 9645 2400 or email shire@quairading.wa.gov.au to make an appointment so we can have the appropriate Staff attend to your business.

All transactions should be done electronically (Credit / Debit Card or Online Bank Transfer).

Department of Transport licencing can be processed via phone on 1300 655 322 or directly online with the Department of Transport www.transport.wa.gov.au/dvs

THE QUAIRADING CO-OP

Social distancing continues to be challenging in store, social distancing is integral to help limit the risk of COVID-19 spreading throughout our community!

Please be mindful of these 5 points before entering the Co-op to shop:

1. Sanitise hands on entry
2. **Maintain 1.5 metres social distance this includes staff packing Fridges and Shelves**
3. No Children under 18 years allowed in store
4. Only one family member to shop at a time
5. Buy only what you need

WE ARE OPEN EASTER SATURDAY

8am – 12noon

QUAIRADING POLICE STATION

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

Social distancing is integral to help limit the risk of COVID-19 spreading throughout our community.

The majority of the community are abiding by the rules. however, we need everyone to cooperate.

These are difficult times so please reach out if you need help.

The WA border is now closed and travel is restricted to within our region.

To contact Quairading Police please call 9645 1000 or email on quairading.police.station@police.wa.gov.au

RECYCLING & LANDFILL SITE

Given people have more time at home and are cleaning up their Gardens or Sheds, the Waste & Recycling Facility opening times have been extended to include Thursdays, commencing from this week.

Monday 8.00am – 5 pm Thursday 8.00am – 5 pm

Friday 8.00 am – 5 pm Saturday 8.00 am – 1 pm

GRAEME FARDON - Chief Executive Officer

