

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE

Good Morning Residents,

I hope this bulletin finds you safe and well in these challenging times, it is important that we all stay connected and informed.

On Sunday 10th May, the WA Government announced "Our way forward" Western Australia's roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 related restrictions - phase 2 effective from Monday 18th May 2020.

The eased Restrictions include: -

- Indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings limit raised from 10 to 20 people;
- Western Australians are encouraged to return to work, unless unwell or vulnerable;
- Regional boundaries adjusted – travel will be permitted between Perth, Peel, Wheatbelt, South West & Great Southern Regions;
- Dine-in meal services can resume at restaurants and cafés, with a 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;
- Indoor and outdoor fitness and dance classes allowed, with a 20 participant limit and minimal shared equipment;
- Non-contact community sport and training allowed, with a 20-person limit.

It should be noted that whilst restrictions will lift on Monday, May 18, the timing and discretion for opening facilities is a decision for each Council and business, and will be dependent upon individual operational circumstances and the provision of Government guidelines for Covid-19 Safety Plans.

With the easing of restriction, it's imperative that we must all take precautions to help curb the spread of the coronavirus by keeping to the social distancing directive.



STATE GOVERNMENT COVID-19 – GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The State Government has consolidated a list of helpful advice for community members who have been adversely affected by the financial impact of COVID-19.

It covers a broad range of subjects, including support with:

Mental Health, Superannuation, Retirement, Financial hardship, Relief Services, Energy assistance, Child care, Shopping, arrangements for landlords and tenants.

The full range of support services is available for download here:
https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/recoveryresources/SRCU_COVID-19_Government_Support.pdf

We encourage everyone who needs support to reach out and access these services which are designed to assist you at this challenging time.

SHIRE

Decisions made over the next few days and weeks will be made in the interests of community health – this is our number one priority as we seek to support the continued low infection rates in the State.

With the restrictions being carefully pulled back by the Federal and State Governments, the Shire will start to reopen the following facilities: -

- The Quairading Caravan Park and Cabins will re-open at Noon on Wednesday 13th May.
- Toapin Weir reopened last week
- The Shire Administration will increase its hours from Monday the 18th May, being 9am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday, opening for all usual business. Cashless transactions are still required.
- The Shire Depot Reception will reopen to the Public on Monday the 18th May, from 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- The Shire Community Building, Town Hall, CRC Meeting Rooms, Youth Centre will reopen shortly, with dates still to be finalised.
- The Quairading Gym at the CRC is to remain closed, until the Government Restrictions on Gyms (with Shared Equipment) are reviewed.
- The next Council Meeting is scheduled to be on Thursday 28th May 2020. The Meeting will be held in the Lesser Hall – Strict Social Distancing will be in place.

All Facilities that reopen will follow the current imposed capacity restrictions, with social distancing to still be strictly imposed. All facilities will also be subject to increased cleaning and safety measures in order to provide a safe environment for the Community and Staff.

Council's Works Staff have been busy with the completion of Roadworks on the Dangin-Mears Road and the Golf Club Entry. Currently, the Works Team are undertaking Gravel Sheetting on Stockpool Road and Sealing works on the Culvert widenings on the Quairading – Cunderdin Road.

Any questions on the Reopening of Shire facilities, please contact the Shire on ph. 9645 2400.

THE QUAIRADING CO-OP

Everyone is doing a fantastic job, but please be mindful of these 4 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. Children are to be supervised by an adult and kept with you at all times
4. **Limit the amount of people you bring in store (no groups)**

THE SHOP IS NOW OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!

Sunday trade (8.00am to 12noon) starts again this Sunday 17th May.

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 will be reopening on Monday 18th May, with full hours 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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