



Media Release

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ACCESS TO COUNCIL FACILITIES – NO CHANGE TO COVID-19 SITUATION

Despite the fact that there is some slight easing of COVID-19 regulations, Council has reviewed the situation and determined that the environment hasn't changed dramatically since the closure of Council facilities on Thursday, 19 March 2020.

Council set a review date of 30 April 2020 and as this date approaches, the decision has been taken to continue closure of Council facilities until further notice (possibly to early June 2020).

Facilities affected by the continued closure are:

- Libraries
- Cinema and Musuem
- Visitor Information Centre
- Administration Office
- Depot/Workshop

The majority of Council's staff are working from home as Council continues to provide the community with ongoing important services. A severely restricted number of staff continue to work in Council's Administration Building.

Water, waste, road/bridge maintenance, enhancement of parks and gardens, and Council governance continue to operate as normal with the introduction of soft plastic screens in vehicles to allow staff to travel together and audio/visual Council meetings allowing Councillors to attend to Council business.

"Our community has embraced the restrictions with few exceptions and this has allowed us all to remain safe and virus free", Mayor Peter Petty said.

"I understand how difficult it has been for business owners and I applaud those who have risen to the challenge and remained open through these trying times. I congratulate you all."

"I also understand the level of frustration that is starting to seep in but ask that everyone continue to respect our health workers, shop assistants and all those who are out and about continuing to keep our community together and readying it to bounce back when this awful time is over", the Mayor concluded.

Current COVID-19 information can be found at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

and downloading of the Government's COVIDSafe App will help to support and protect you, your friends and family.

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