



Community Message 5

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update from Croydon Shire Council

In line with the closure directions given by the Queensland Government, additional Council facilities have been closed until further notice, these include:

- Lake Belmore Recreation Area
- Public barbeques at Lake Belmore, Anzac Park and the Caravan Park.

A full list of facility closures are available on Council's website <https://www.croydon.qld.gov.au/>

Understandably during these challenging times our community may feel anxious and confused about the almost daily directives from both State and Commonwealth Governments governing health advice, travel etc.

As from Sunday 29 March Government has asked everyone to stay at home as much as possible.

You can however leave home to shop for food and necessary supplies, travel for medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements, exercise with no more than one person (unless from your household), travel to provide care or assistance to an immediate family member and travel for work and study.

Apart from some declared locked down indigenous communities you may travel within Queensland as long as you comply with state laws and observe the social distancing requirements - 1.5 metres separation.

If travelling back into Croydon there is no requirement for you to self-quarantine unless you have been overseas in the last 14 days, or are returning from interstate, or have been in close contact with someone who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 virus.

There have been some questions raised about why is Council still operating. Government has clearly stated that communities need to be serviced in regards to water supply, sanitation, etc. and sees Councils as essential service providers. Council has developed and implemented a Prevention and Response Plan to appropriately prepare for and minimise the risk and potential impact from COVID-19.

A reminder.....

Wash your hands often and properly, practice social distancing, which includes staying 1.5m away from others and stay home where possible and if you are sick.

If you are sick – phone the Croydon Clinic on 4748 7000 – the Clinic doors are locked and staff have procedures in place to assess and treat patients. If you require urgent medical attention call 000.



Accurate information is available from the following websites and is updated when new advice is available:

- For the latest health advice visit: www.health.qld.gov.au
- For the latest travel and border advice visit: www.smartraveller.gov.au
- For the latest advice on economic assistance for affected industries and small business visit: www.qld.gov.au/about/industry-recovery, you can also call the Small Business Hot-line on 1300 654 687.

You can also download the official government “Coronavirus Australia” app to your device.

Council continues to monitor the situation and will advise accordingly of additional changes that may be required.

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