

Response and Recovery Pandemic Plan 2020



The COVID-19 outbreak is an unprecedented event in history. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared COVID-19 as a Pandemic. A State of Emergency has been declared by Victoria.

To protect the health of residents and staff, the Northern Grampians Shire Council has activated its Response and Recovery Pandemic Plan 2020. Proactive and preventative measures are effective in containing the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and reduce the risk to the health of the community.

Northern Grampians Shire Council has a key role to play in all emergency management situations affecting the situation.

Northern Grampians Shire Council has formed a Pandemic Committee to coordinate the proactive approach to reducing the spread and therefore impact on the community.

Key objectives of Northern Grampians approach:

- Contain the spread of COVID-19
- Maintain a healthy workforce
- Provide strong leadership across the municipality
- Keep residents informed about what we are doing and why we are doing it
- Deliver key messages in partnership with local agencies

Some council services and facilities will be suspended or closed for the foreseeable future in an effort to help reduce the impact of Coronavirus in the Northern Grampians.

The decision comes following the State Government calling a State of Emergency in Victoria yesterday.

Council facility and service closures

The following Northern Grampians Shire Council facilities will close from 5pm today, Tuesday 17 March 2020:

- Customer Service Offices in Stawell and St Arnaud (now by appointment, phone, email only)
- Stawell Sports and Aquatic Centre
- St Arnaud Swimming Pool
- Supported Playgroups
- New event registrations
- Libraries in Stawell and St Arnaud
- Annual registered premises inspections deferred to a later date

Northern Grampians Shire Council will continue to operate the St Arnaud Early Learning Centre, Maternal and Child Health, Immunisations, Meals on Wheels and Home and Community Care. These services will be reviewed daily, and modified as it becomes evident to do so.



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