

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.

A number of significant announcements have been made by the State and Federal Governments. Northern Grampians Shire Council will

- **support residents and businesses to understand and comply with new rules**
- **support the community to access available financial and mental health support**
- **advocate on the local needs and impacts experienced**

School Closures

The Premier announced Victorian schools will close with school holidays commencing Tuesday 24 March 2020.

Places of Social Gathering

The Prime Minister has announced further actions to support social distancing measures already put in place and protect the Australian community from the spread of coronavirus.

The following facilities included in Stage 1 restrictions will be restricted from opening from midday local time 23 March 2020:

- Pubs, registered and licenced clubs (excluding bottle shops attached to these venues), hotels (excluding accommodation)
- Gyms and indoor sporting venues
- Cinemas, entertainment venues, casinos, and nightclubs
- Restaurants and cafes will be restricted to take away and/or home delivery
- Religious gatherings, places of worship or funerals (in enclosed spaces and other than very small groups and where the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies).

Economic Stimulus Package

The second stage of the Federal economic support package announced includes:

- Support for households including casuals, sole-traders, retirees and those on income support
- Assistance for businesses to keep people in a job
- Regulatory protection and financial support for businesses to stay in business



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