



Corona Virus (COVID-19)

At the time of writing the following information was relevant, however it is a moving “target” and things are changing on a daily basis, so **PLEASE KEEP YOURSELF UPDATED.**

The impact from COVID-19 is ever evolving and causing many disruptions to our daily routines. However it is essential that we continue to follow the guidance and advice from the Federal & State Governments and their respective agencies.

The requirement for conscientious **HEALTH AND HYGIENE** cannot be too strongly emphasised and is paramount to minimising the impact that the virus will have on the community.

The best way to protect yourself and others against COVID-19 is to practice good hand and sneezing/cough hygiene, you should:

- Wash and sanitise your hands frequently
- Cover your nose and mouth with your elbow or paper tissue immediately and wash your hands
- Refrain from touching your mouth and nose
- If you develop a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, contact your health provider – preferably by phone – and inform them of your symptoms
- Practice good food hygiene

Further and up to date information on the COVID-19 Virus is available on the Department of Health Website, health.wa.gov.au or call 1800 020 080.

COVID-19 Parental/Family Responsibility

It is of utmost importance for every member of the community to take this matter very seriously and demonstrate absolute responsibility to their family and community members.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for parents to ensure their family members practice good hygiene and have minimal contact with others during this time.

IT IS TIME FOR PARENTS TO STEP UP AND BE GOOD ROLE MODELS AND CITIZENS AND CONTROL THEIR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL.

THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAS THE CAPACITY TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND WE NEED TO TAKE EVERY ACTION POSSIBLE TO AVOID CONTRACTING THE VIRUS.

COVID-19 Closure of Certain Places

The World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11th March, 2020.

At 11:50am on Monday 23rd March, 2020, the Commissioner of Police issued a Direction regarding the closure of Certain Places of Business, Worship and Entertainment.

The Direction covers affected places, being: pubs, bars and clubs (not including a bottleshop), hotels (not including accommodation, takeaway meals or drinks or a meal delivery service), gyms, indoor sporting centres, casinos, cinemas, nightclubs, entertainment venues of any kind, restaurants, cafes (except for takeaway meals, drinks or meal delivery) and places of worship.

We understand it is the Premier's intent that Local Government cultural institutions are required to be closed pursuant to this order, noting that the State has already closed its libraries, art galleries and museums. We are awaiting a further order to provide further clarification on this matter and other affected places and other affected places not currently defined which is being drafted.

In addition, and subsequent to the above announcement, the Commissioner has also issued a notice closing access to/from Remote Aboriginal Communities for non-essential services and/or visitation.

To enforce the above and the closure of the Northern Territory and South Australian borders the Police have established a road block at the western entry to the Great Central Road.

COVID-19 Impact on Council Services/Events

In following the guidelines/instructions issued by the Federal/State Governments the following services/events have been impacted

- **Shire Administration Office** – Restricted Access
- **Leonora Information Centre / Library** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Leonora Community Resource Centre** – Restricted Access, information point and CDC contact point only
- **Cashless Debit Card** – Restricted Access to maintain recommended separation limits between people
- **Northern Goldfields Regional Office Administration Centre (NGROAC)** – Restricted Access
- **Youth Centre** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Recreation Centre** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Leonora Swimming Pool** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Leonora Sporting Complex/Golf Club** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Leonora Lawn Bowls Facility** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Gymnasium** – Closed, as per Government Direction
- **Gwalia Historical Precinct** – Restricted Access for Takeaways only
- **Hoover House B&B** – Accommodation available
- **Monthly Seniors Morning Tea** – Postponed indefinitely
- **Weekly Social/Sporting Activities** – Postponed indefinitely
- **ANZAC DAY** – The ceremony has been cancelled, however we will be raising then lowering the flag to half-mast at 6:00am (sunrise) and then raising the flag at noon. Anyone wishing to lay a wreath at the war memorial is welcome to attend at 6:00am and do so
- **Leonora Golden Gift** – Cancelled

In these interesting times, the council is mindful of continuing to provide service to the community and even at a point we may close the front doors to the Administration Office to protect you and our staff alike. The service will still be provided through email or telephone contact during normal business hours. Please do not hesitate to contact the office on 9037 6044 should you have any questions or enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

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