COVID-19 Newsletter

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COVID-19 vaccination roll-out

Australia is working hard to ensure we all have access to safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccines, which will give us the protection to go about our everyday lives.

The COVID-19 vaccines are being assessed carefully by independent clinical experts to ensure all potential vaccines meet Australia's high safety and quality standards.

After vaccines are approved, they will be rolled out, going to those most in need of protection first.

The Australian Government will provide further information about how vaccines will be rolled out over the coming months.

In the meantime, everyone still needs to:

- practise good hygiene
- maintain physical distance
- stay home if you are sick and get tested.

Stay up-to-date with all the latest information on the Australian Government's planned COVID-19 vaccination roll-out by visiting **health.gov.au** or by contacting the National coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccine helpline on: **1800 020 080**

Stay COVIDSafe by following the latest Public Health Directions

With restrictions slowly easing again, it is very important that you keep following the latest Public Health Directions to protect yourselves, your families and your community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is your responsibility to make sure you are helping keep your community COVIDSafe.

Remember to:

- Gather outdoors, where possible.
- Stay 1.5 metres (two big steps) away from anyone you don't live with.
- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water.
- If you have a fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or loss of taste or smell, get tested for COVID-19 immediately and stay home.

As at 11 February 2021, 211,703 people have been tested for COVID-19 in the Illawarra region. Getting tested at a COVID-19 testing clinic is **free, quick and easy**, and there is no limit to the number of tests you can have.
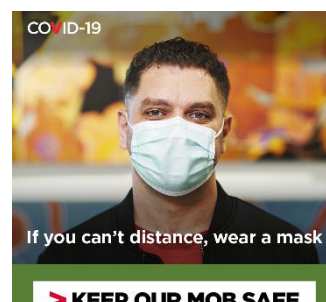
Stay up to date with all the latest 2021 Public Health Directions by scanning the below QR code:

Wearing a mask can help stop the spread of COVID-19

Wear a face mask if:

- You can't stay two big steps away from people
- You have symptoms and are going to get tested
- You are in isolation in the same room as another person

If you can't distance, wear a mask

> KEEP OUR MOB SAFE

JBT Office notice board

Thank you

A large thank you to everyone who helped manage the bushfire on 26 January. A particular thank you to the Emergency Management Committee, park staff and emergency agencies for their outstanding efforts to contain the bushfire.

Electricity Reminder
Electricity accounts are due **14 February.**

National Park update

The fire, which broke out on Tuesday 26 January 2021, forced the park to close while it was brought under control and remained closed while clean up works and safety assessments were conducted.

Cave Beach and the Botanic Gardens will remain closed at this stage, so remaining clean up works can be completed.

There is still a risk of falling branches and other safety issues, so please stay clear of any of the fire affected areas.

Future updates will be provided once these areas are safe to open.

Keeping our schools COVIDSafe

With school now back for Term 1 2021, it is important to follow the latest government advice. If you or your child attends a NSW public school, they must use the Service NSW COVID Safe Check-in.

You can download the Service NSW App by going to the app store on your mobile phone and typing in 'Service NSW.'

Look for the COVID Safe QR code posters when you enter your child's school. Be sure to sign in at the school administration building according to your school's visitor guidelines. Parents and carers who are only dropping off and picking up students do not need to check in using the Service NSW QR code.

Students are reminded to remain vigilant and practise physical distancing and hygiene measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students and staff are maintained.

Need medical assistance or support?

Please **call 000** for urgent medical assistance (e.g. difficulty breathing).

Telehealth appointments are available in the Wreck Bay community health clinic. If you are interested in a Telehealth appointment, contact the clinic to see if Telehealth is right for your situation on **(02) 4448 0200** or **1800 215 099.**

More information

For up-to-date information on COVID-19, visit www.health.gov.au or call 1800 020 080 (operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week). If you require translating or interpreting services, please call 131 450.

Information is also available from **Health Direct 1800 022 222** or by visiting **healthdirect.gov.au/coronavirus**

Download the COVIDSafe App

Downloading the app is something you can do to protect you, your family and friends and save the lives of other Australians. The more Australians connect to the COVIDSafe app, the quicker we can find the virus and prevent the spread.