



COVID-19 Newsletter



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Get Boosted!

A booster dose will help maintain your protection against COVID-19.

You can get your booster dose if you are 16 years of age or older, and you have completed your primary COVID-19 vaccination course (two doses for most people, or three doses for those who are severely immunocompromised) at least three months ago.

You should get your booster dose no later than six months after you have had your primary doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The RFDS COVID vaccine clinic will return to JBT in early April.

If you are late in getting your booster dose, you will no longer be considered 'up to date' and will be considered 'overdue'. From 28 March 2022, if you are 'overdue' with your vaccinations, you won't be able to print or download a current COVID-19 vaccine certificate. Some states and territories require a current COVID-19 vaccine certificate to do certain things. Please check your local guidelines.

For your booster dose, you can have the Pfizer vaccine if you are 16 years and over.

If you are 18 years and over, you can have Pfizer or Moderna vaccine as a booster. It doesn't matter which vaccine brand you had for your first two doses. You can also get the AstraZeneca vaccine as a booster if you can't have the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine for medical reasons, or you have previously had two doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine.

Booster doses are not currently recommended for children aged 15 years and under.

State of Emergency extended for JBT

As part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Australian Government has extended the declared State of Emergency for the Jervis Bay Territory (JBT) for a further 30-day period from 16 March 2022.

By doing this, the JBT community will continue to be protected and supported during this time, with the health and wellbeing of the community the first priority.

JBT residents should continue to follow the most up-to-date Public Health Directions, which were amended earlier this month to include:

- individuals are required to register a positive Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) result through Service NSW
- new, reduced isolation arrangements for people diagnosed with COVID-19 or those identified as close or household contacts. The isolation period is now 7 days from the date of diagnosis or notification
- a diagnosed person is now medically cleared to leave isolation if they have isolated for the required period (7 days), or if they have been notified by a health authority or medical practitioner, they may stop isolating earlier. This aligns with the NSW definition and removes the requirement for a person to be assessed by a health official prior to leaving isolation.

For further information, please see www.health.gov.au or phone the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080.

For the most up-to-date Public Health Directions, scan our QR code.



JBT water update

Due to the recent severe weather events across New South Wales, including in the Jervis Bay region, the water in the JBT has experienced some discolouration.

Despite the discolouration, the water remains safe to drink, and all JBT residents are urged to continue using it.

In response to the discolouration, some additional treatment including increased filtering and a slight increase in chlorine (safely within drinking water standards) has been put in place. This may affect the taste of the water slightly, however it does not impact the quality of the water.

We expect this situation to improve as the weather stabilises.



National Park Update

The National Park team completed the park clean-up ahead of schedule and re-opened to visitors on Monday, 14 March.

The Park was closed due to a severe weather event, including camping and access to the Botanical Gardens.

The closure did not restrict Jervis Bay Territory residents or their guests from entering or exiting the territory.

Camping resumed from Wednesday 16 March, with online bookings available again.

Everyone is thanked for their understanding as debris was cleared and the Park made safe following recent extreme weather.

While most of the Park is ready to re-open, Stoney Creek Road will remain closed until further notice. Due to recent flooding, the road requires assessment and repairs before it can re-open.

Your patience is appreciated during this period and it is pleasing to safely welcome everyone back to Booderee.



Jervis Bay Territory Office updates

Road Ready Course – Learners Driver's Licence

A Road Ready Course has been scheduled for JBT residents who are interested in obtaining their Learner's Drivers Licence. Details are as follows:

Course Date:	Tuesday 12 April 2022
Course Time:	9am – 4pm.
Course Location:	Booderee National Park Training Room, Jervis Bay Territory
Course Cost:	Free, if applicant is currently enrolled at school. Proof of school enrolment is required. \$180, if applicant is not attending school. Fee is payable at time of booking at the JBTA Office.

Applicants will need to provide 100 points of ID and proof of address before we can issue a Learners Drivers Licence.

Practical Driving Test – Provisional Licence (P-Plates)

Practical Driving Tests will be conducted again in the near future. As minimum numbers are required, it is essential that you express your interest with the JBT Administration Office as soon as possible, so we can secure an upcoming date with our driving instructor/s.

To express your interest or obtain further information, please contact the JBTA Office on telephone 4442 2200.

Extended Opening Hours – Motor Vehicle Registry Counter

The Motor Vehicle Registry office located at the JBT Administration office is now open on Fridays. The new operating hours for Motor Vehicle transactions are now Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 9am – 12noon and 1pm – 4pm.

BreastScreen Mobile Van – Huskisson

The NSW Mobile Breastscreen Van is coming to the region and will be located at Husky Sports, 336 Huskisson Road from Monday, 28 March to Thursday, 14 April.

It is recommended that women aged 50 – 74 have a mammogram every two years.

Online bookings can be made for women with an appointment code (who have been invited via letter/SMS from BreastScreen).

If you wish to book but do not have an online code, please be assured appointments are still available by calling 13 20 50 to book.

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