



COVID-19 Newsletter



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Stop the flu in 2022



Influenza is a highly contagious viral infection that can cause widespread illness and deaths every year.

This year we are all more vulnerable to influenza due to lower recent exposure to the virus and lower uptake of influenza vaccines. With international borders reopening, it's likely we will see more influenza in 2022.

Vaccination is our best defence against influenza viruses. Even fit and healthy people should get the influenza vaccine to protect themselves and help to stop the spread of influenza.

The influenza vaccine is free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.

Help stop the flu in 2022. Ask about the influenza vaccine today.

State of Emergency extended for JBT

The State of Emergency for the JBT has been extended from 10 May for a 30-day period, as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

By doing this, the JBT community will continue to be protected and supported, particularly in the lead up to winter.

JBT residents should continue to follow Commonwealth and state and territory advice, including on travel restrictions, health, hygiene, physical distancing and self-isolation, and ensure you up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccinations and to take a COVID-19 test if you feel unwell.

Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) will be provided to all parents of JBT school students and teachers who request them. Talk to the school if you require additional tests or masks, and they can order them for you.

Concession card holders are also able to get free RATs from the chemist as required. More information and resources about the use of RATs this winter can be found at www.health.gov.au



Routine childhood immunisation is free and saves lives

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children have higher rates of diseases that can be reduced by vaccines. However, vaccination rates for Indigenous children have gone down recently.

It's important children receive their routine vaccines provided by the National Immunisation Program. This ensures your child has the best protection against serious disease.

It is also important to vaccinate your children on time as childhood vaccinations should be delivered according to a set schedule to help maximise protection for your child.

Vaccination is free and protects them from becoming very sick. It also helps to protect those around them in your community. If your bub has missed some vaccinations, you can always catch up.

Have a yarn with your health care worker or read more on routine childhood immunisation on the Department of Health website, www.health.gov.au.



National Park Update



Murrays Boardwalk and boat ramp is scheduled to re-open at the end of May 2022.

High rainfall, severe flooding and erosion from large seas have hampered construction efforts at the site over the past three months.

These severe weather events forced a revision of our previously forecast completion date.

However with the foundations of the project complete, work on the substructure installation is now underway.

Completion of the project will improve safety and amenity for visitors using the boat ramp and the boardwalk at Murrays.

We will provide further updates on the Murrays Boardwalk and boat ramp reopening dates soon to help you plan your fishing and boating trips.

A reminder to all that while Booderee National Park is no longer closed due to COVID-19 and visitors are welcome, some restrictions to maintain a COVID safe environment may still apply.



Voting in the Federal Election 2022

The Federal Election is taking place this Saturday on 21 May. For the Jervis Bay

Territory, mobile polling at Wreck Bay or at the Jervis Bay Primary School is taking place this week.

If you miss the mobile polling, you can cast an absentee vote at the Huskisson Community Centre on Saturday.

Voting is compulsory for Australian citizens aged 18 years or older. If you do not vote and don't have a valid and sufficient reason, you may be fined.

The Jervis Bay Territory is in the Federal Division of Fenner, which means you are voting for both a member of the House of Representatives and two Senators to represent you in the Senate.

For more information visit: www.aec.gov.au

Jervis Bay Territory Office updates

Josh Apanui – Graduate

Josh, a proud Bundjalung man, has been working with the JBT Operations team for the past three months.

Josh is now ready to move onto his next role in the Department, in Canberra, with his last day here with us on Friday, 20 May.

It has been a pleasure to have Josh with us and we would like to thank him for all of his hard work.

Practical Driving Test – Provisional Licence (P-Plates)

Provisional testing was conducted in the JBT recently, with all five participants passing.

Practical Driving Tests will be conducted again in the future, with dates in July and also September being planned.

As minimum numbers are required for the testing to take place, 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

Motor Vehicle Registry Counter – Opening Hours

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.

** Please note that the counter will be closed for staff training on Tuesday, 24 May 2022**

KEEP OUR MOB SAFE, STOP THE SPREAD.

Coronavirus
(COVID-19)