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Don't forget your flu vaccine this year!

Getting the flu can cause serious problems for lots of people. Did you know Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a greater risk of getting a severe flu and experience health problems?

Even if you are healthy, if you get a severe flu, you could suffer lasting health complications including pneumonia, heart system, blood system and liver problems.

The flu shot is recommended each year and is free for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 6 months and over.

How to protect you and your community from the flu:

- Get a flu shot
- Stay at home if you feel sick
- Sneeze into your elbow instead of your hands
- Clean your hands with soap and water or hand sanitiser (rub)

Talk to your local healthcare worker today about getting your flu shot. For more information visit the Department of Health website.



JBT no longer under a State of Emergency

The current JBT State of Emergency (SoE) expired on 9 June after the Australian Government and JBT Emergency Management Committee determined there was no need to continue the COVID-19 related SoE for JBT.

The Public Health Emergency Declaration and Directions remain in force as they are not dependent on the SoE Declaration.

New public health directions came into effect on 14 June. The new JBT Directions reflect changes for contacts of diagnosed people in NSW and the ACT. Close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases (including household contacts) need no longer isolate, provided they comply with NSW Health household and close contact guidelines, available here: https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/management/household-contacts

All residents should stay up to date with the latest Public Health Directions and follow the latest government advice.

The Australian Government will continue to closely monitor the JBT situation, to best protect the health and wellbeing of JBT residents.

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.



Book your COVID-19 vaccine winter dose

During this colder weather, it is recommended the following people receive a winter dose of the COVID-19 vaccine:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and over
- severely immunocompromised
- people aged 16-64 and with a medical condition that increases the risk of severe COVID-19 illness
- people aged 16 to 64 with disability with significant or complex health needs or multiple comorbidities which increases risk of severe illness.
- residents of aged care or disability care facilities.

Booster doses are free for everyone and available at doctors, health clinics and pharmacies. More information is available on the Department of Health website.



National Park update

Murray's Boardwalk and Murray's boat ramp reopened on Saturday, 28 May.

The construction to replace the boardwalk began in February this year with the aim of improving accessibility, safety and amenity.

Work included new fencing, ramps, steps and lighting along with major engineering for the foundations.

Local, majority Indigenous-owned contractor ALI Civil faced unprecedented rainfall while undertaking the replacement of this key piece of Booderee infrastructure while also dealing with storms and large seas.

The Jervis Bay area received over 1,230 mm of rain, more than the entire yearly average, between February and the end of April.

In March alone, a record 544.2mm of rain was recorded – 381 percent above the average for that month and smashing the previous March record of 376.4 mm.

We now look forward to visitors enjoying the improved accessibility, safety and amenity the new boardwalk provides and the reopened boat ramp.



JBT OFFICE NOTICE BOARD

Our next **Road Ready Course** for JBT residents who are eligible to obtain their Learner Driver Licence has been scheduled:

Course Date: Course Time: Course Location: Course Cost: Friday, 15th July 2022 9am – 4pm. Booderee National Park Training Room – Jervis Bay Territory >\$180.00 (if applicant is not enrolled in school) >Free of Charge (if applicant is currently enrolled in school. Proof of School Enrolment must be supplied)

All participants must:

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- Be at least 15 years and nine months of age
- Provide full proof of identity 100 points
- Provide proof of residency in the JBT.

As minimum numbers are required, it is essential you book with JBT Administration Office as soon as possible.

Practical Driving Tests

Our next Practical Driving Tests in the JBT has been scheduled for **Thursday, 7 July** for residents who are eligible to obtain a Provisional Licence (P-Plate).

To book a Practical Driving Test, all participants must:

- Pay the applicable fee of \$112.30
- Be at least 17 years of age
- Have held a Learner Driver Licence for 12 months or 6 months if aged 25 years or over
 - Provide a Completed Logbook with required Driving Hours:
 - Under 25 90 Day hours & 10 Night hours
 - 25 years over 45 Day hours & 5 Night hours

Again, as minimum numbers are required, it is essential you book with JBT Administration Office as soon as possible.

Opening Hours – Motor Vehicle Registry Counter

The Motor Vehicle Registry office located at the JBT Administration office is open on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, between 9am – 12noon and 1pm – 4pm.

Dog Registration and Dog Control

All domestic dogs within the JBT must be microchipped and registered if:

- They are over eight weeks old
- They have been kept in the JBT for 28 days or more
- The dog's keeper has been a resident of the JBT for 28 days or more.

Applicable fees for dog registration are:

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- Initial Lifetime Registration:
 - Desexed Dog \$20.70 for Concession Card holders
 - Desexed Dog \$57.55 for non-Concession Card holders
 - Permit to keep a non-desexed Dog \$424.00.
- Annual Renewal of Registration no charge.

To keep our residents and your dogs safe, it is important to maintain dog control in the JBT:

- Dogs must not be allowed to walk/wander without being on a leash
 - Dogs that are wandering around can be collected and taken to the Shoalhaven Animal Shelter to be held locally by the Shoalhaven City Council
- Responsibility for animal control in the JBT is as follows:
 - In Wreck Bay and on The 403 Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council -02 4442 1029
 - In the Booderee National Park (BNP) BNP Office 02 6274 2223
 - In Jervis Bay Village JBT Administration 02 444 222 00.

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