



# COVID-19 Newsletter



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## For all of us!

Vaccination is our ticket out of the COVID-19 pandemic. With more than 50% of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people across Australia aged 12 years and over having received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, the pace is starting to pick up.

But we aren't finished yet. And it's important not to wait – be prepared and protected against COVID-19 now.

Watch and share the Department of Health's 'For All of Us' campaign videos (at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)), to encourage your family, friends and community to get their COVID-19 vaccine. Model Samantha Harris, musician Baker Boy, chef Normie Bero, street artist Tori-Jay Mordey, and renowned didgeridoo player and vocalist William Barton are some of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have joined together to encourage more people to get vaccinated.

*'It's important that as a community we keep each other safe, we need to protect our mob. Getting vaccinated is the fastest way for me to get back on the road so I can party and dance with you all soon! Let's do this you mob!' – Baker Boy, musician*



## COVID-19 update for JBT

There are currently no active cases of COVID-19 in the Jervis Bay Territory (JBT).

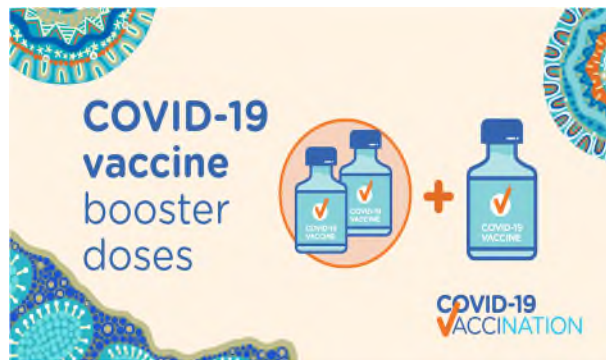
As required, some JBT residents will be asked to isolate as close contacts of active cases in the Shoalhaven Local Government Area (LGA) and must remain in quarantine until medically cleared by health authorities.

Even though case numbers are reducing in the Shoalhaven LGA, all JBT residents are urged to continue practising good hygiene and physical distancing to keep ourselves, our families and community safe from the virus.

If you have any symptoms including a fever, scratchy or sore throat, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath or loss of taste and sense of smell, you should get tested immediately and self-isolate until you get your result.

Even with mild symptoms that could be confused for a cold or allergies, you still need to get tested so that we can keep COVID-19 out of the JBT.

Keep up to date with all the latest COVID-19 information for the JBT, including the most up-to-date public health directions by scanning the QR code:



Booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccines are recommended for people aged 18 and over in Australia.

Read more about how a booster dose can give you an even stronger and longer lasting protection against the virus on the Department of Health website: [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) .



## National Park Update

**Booderee National Park** is open to day visitors and campers.

In the past, Booderee National Park has run a ballot system to manage the large volume of requests received for campsites during the summer holiday period.

This year, with uncertainty around the impact of COVID-19 on restrictions, a ballot was not run for summer holiday camping. Instead, the online booking system is being used, which will necessarily operate on a first-come, first-served basis.

Summer holiday camping bookings will open in the coming weeks and subscribers to Booderee 'Stay in Touch' emails will be the first to know when this happens.

There are a limited number of campsites and an expected high demand for camping this summer holiday period. You may wish to advise family and friends, who would like to book a campsite this summer at Booderee, to sign-up to receive email alerts so they don't miss the notification. This can be done at the bottom of the Booderee National Park camping webpage.

Booderee National Park is monitoring the COVID-19 situation carefully.

Jervis Bay Territory (JBT) and Australian Capital Territory (ACT) public health orders apply in the park and visitors to Booderee should monitor the JBT and ACT COVID-19 websites closely for information regarding access restrictions.

For community bulletins and directions affecting the Jervis Bay Territory, visit [https://www.regional.gov.au/territories/jervis\\_bay/community/bulletins/bulletins-2021/](https://www.regional.gov.au/territories/jervis_bay/community/bulletins/bulletins-2021/).

## Alternative accommodation options update

Alternative, temporary accommodation (motorhomes) for the close contacts of COVID-19 cases are no longer required in the JBT. The motorhomes which were situated on the Wreck Bay oval have now been removed.

If alternative accommodation is required in the future, NSW Health will work with the affected person to put in place suitable arrangements.

## Get bushfire ready for this summer!

Bush fire is a part of life in New South Wales. So you need to live bush fire ready. That means knowing your risk and having a plan for what to do during a fire.

You can make your plan online in as little as five minutes at [www.myfireplan.com.au](http://www.myfireplan.com.au).

Or you can sit down with your family and discuss what you will do using our guide to making a bush fire survival plan:

## FOUR SIMPLE STEPS

There are four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire:



**DISCUSS WHAT TO DO IF A BUSH FIRE THREATENS YOUR HOME**



**PREPARE YOUR HOME AND GET IT READY FOR BUSH FIRE SEASON**



**KNOW THE BUSH FIRE ALERT LEVELS**



**KEEP ALL THE BUSH FIRE INFORMATION NUMBERS, WEBSITES AND THE SMARTPHONE APP**

In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up to date on conditions in your area.

It's a fact. If you and your home are well prepared, you stand a better chance of surviving a bush fire. Download the four simple steps today.