



CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE – 31 MARCH 2020

The Shire of Kent continues to closely monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) and take action in accordance with the advice provided by the relevant health and government authorities.

From 26 March 2020 the Western Australian State Government put in place a number of restrictions in response to COVID19.

To further reduce the risk to the wider community the Shire of Kent advises that the following venues are now closed until further notice:

- Shire of Kent Administration Office and Library (except via prior appointment)
- Pingrup Recreation Ground and Pavilion
- Nyabing Recreation Ground and Pavilion
- Pingrup Town Hall
- Nyabing Town Hall
- Memorial Park, Nyabing
- Burston Park, Pingrup

The WA Government will introduce further restrictions on travel within Western Australia from Tuesday night 31 March 2020 (12.00am AWST Wednesday morning 1 April 2020) to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19. Western Australian intrastate travel is defined as movement through the boundaries of the regions of Western Australia. These regions are:

- Perth and Peel (due to their close proximity, the Perth and Peel regions will combine into one region)
- South West
- **Great Southern (Shire of Kent)**
- Goldfields-Esperance
- Mid-West
- Wheatbelt
- Gascoyne
- Pilbara
- Kimberley.

Western Australians will not be permitted to leave their regional boundary. Police have the power to enforce these restrictions and fines of up to \$50,000 can be issued.

Exemptions will apply for:

- employment purposes
- medical reasons
- health and emergency services
- people living in 'border communities', (Pingrup/Lake Grace) who may not have access to groceries or supplies within their region
- freight
- compassionate grounds.

Social distancing is integral to help limit the risk of COVID-19 spreading throughout the community.

Social distancing includes:

- public gatherings, excluding household members, have been reduced to a maximum of **two people**
- minimise all unnecessary contact with others
- keep **1.5 metres** away from others
- avoid physical greetings such as handshaking, hugs and kisses
- use tap and pay instead of cash.

For more information please check the following websites:

- **HealthyWA** - https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/Articles/A_E/Coronavirus – this should be the main page to refer to as it has information on COVID clinics and current advice.
- **Commonwealth Government of Health** - <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-resources> - contains a number of fact sheets to answer the many questions that are currently being asked by the broader community and different industries including advice for employers
- **State Government Coronavirus Page** - <https://www.wa.gov.au/covid19> - includes the WA Government Pandemic Plan

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