



Shire of Boyup Brook Community Newsletter

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Hasn't the Country and the State done a wonderful job in containing the CV19. There is a lot happening by the way of announcements at the end of this week which is expected to see an easing of restrictions and some attempt to get people back to work. This doesn't mean that we should relax as we have seen in NSW and Victoria. We see clusters develop and spread so quickly that before we know it we have 40-50 new cases. Last time I checked we had just 14 known active cases in WA with half of them in hospital. So please, as restrictions are eased still maintain social distancing and wash your hands regularly.

Stay safe, be kind, look out for your neighbours.

Chris Smith
CEO

DOCTOR UPDATE

I am pleased to report we have signed up our second doctor. We have Dr Mildred Chiwara and Dr Phillip De Ronchi. Both of these doctors are senior doctors who will bring excellent skills to the town. Both intend to live in the region permanently which will enhance our after hours on call availability. Both Mildred and Phillip will commence on Tuesday 2nd June 2020. Nicki Jones who is well known to many through her roles in Country Music, St John Ambulance and WACHS (Country Health) will be the new Practice Manager. We will be implementing some new changes over the coming months, one of the most important is the ability to book appointments online 24 hours per day.

We are currently speaking to Rural Health West with regards to a Locum Doctor for the week of the 25th - 29th May and are optimistic for a placement. If we cannot have a locum in person, telehealth appointments will be available.



We hope all the Mums had a fantastic day on Sunday and were well and truly spoilt!

RAIN

Hasn't it been fabulous to have the opening rain over the last week. Most areas are reporting 50-60mm in the last 10 days. Hopefully we are seeing this in the house tanks and some run off into dams. This now heralds the opportunity for the Shire to commence winter grading. This program will roll out with the school bus routes being the highest priority.

ENVIRONMENT MONTH

July is environment month and Councillor Price has added an article to be published in the next Gazette. Part of the focus is the transition of our State to the 10c deposit scheme for containers. Lions are working behind the scene to be the provider of this service in Boyup Brook

VOLUNTEER WEEK

I want to thank all the volunteers who work in our community. Small Shires like ours could not function if it was not for the volunteers. I would like to specifically thank St John Ambulance, Fire Brigade, Lions, Tourist Centre and Museum people. I know there are many great volunteer organisations. We should all reflect on how we are interacting with these groups and if we should be giving them a hand.

NATIONAL 18-24 MAY 2020
VOLUNTEER
CHANGING COMMUNITIES.
CHANGING LIVES. **WEEK**

AMBULANCE COVER FOR BOYUP BROOK RESIDENTS

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOUR AMBULANCE COVER INCLUDES?



For a number of years the Shire of Boyup Brook has made an annual financial contribution to the St John Ambulance Boyup Brook Sub Centre.

This contribution ensures all **PERMANENT RESIDENTS** of Boyup Brook are covered for **000 EMERGENCY CALLS**



Once a patient has been transported to the nearest **PUBLIC** hospital, should they then need to be transferred to another **PUBLIC** hospital, the cost of transport is covered by the sending hospital.

If a resident chooses to be transferred to a **PRIVATE** hospital, they will be held personally liable for the costs of their transfer.



If the resident has private health insurance which includes full ambulance cover, the costs of their transfer should be covered by their Insurance provider.

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