



Shire of Boyup Brook Community Newsletter

21 April 2020

Well Done Everyone

Another week has past and everyone has done a great job in keeping the town virus free. My earlier newsletters have focused on the efforts of our residents and not said much about our businesses and even wider than that the Government. So let's start at the top. The Federal Government with their strategies, jobkeeper and stopping international travel is obviously paying off. The State is proving to be leading the nation, if it had not been for the cruise ships our numbers would be looking better. The Premier in closing our borders has shown how serious we are. The decision to send kids back to school, although I support it, is a risk which is why we all need to keep doing what we have been doing for several weeks more. The school return exposes teachers to risk which is why we need to make sure we keep up the social distancing, washing hands, trying to limit our trips out. So don't send your kids to school if they have a cold or anything that could resemble COVID-19. The other thing which is now generally accepted as the first line of defence is everyone who can, should get a flu shot. I know there is a body of people out there who say they may have had a bad experience or whatever. This is not the time for this. Experts around the world are clear this will help you survive COVID-19 if you get it. In this State both Police and Health employees have all been made to have the shots. So please book with the pharmacy or see the doctor and get your shots.

Finally a shout out to our businesses. We have seen all of our businesses go to great lengths to comply while we all know the financial impact is killing us. Keep it up because I am sure if we have a couple more weeks of no cases in the region we may see some easing of restrictions. Well done to our businesses.

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

Chris Smith

CEO

PS more news in the Gazette

The human has been working from home the last couple of days and every so often they let me participate in the video calls. All the other humans cheer when they see me. I am the only thing holding their company together.

Cleaning your hands, utensils and benchtops with hot soapy water before, during and after cooking food is a simple way to prevent bacteria spreading.



Search HealthyWA for tips.



More useful phone numbers dedicated to COVID-19

Police	131 444
WA COVID-19 Hotline	132 68 43
National Coronavirus Public Hotline	1800 020 080
Heath Direct	1800 022 222
Department of Communities	sectorsupport@communities.wa.gov.au



Resignation of Shire President Graham Aird


President Graham Aird resigned from Council at last Thursday's meeting citing personal reasons. Admittedly I have had the pleasure of only working with Mr Aird over the last five months.

Graham has worked extremely hard and is passionate about the town. I know that all Councillors were surprised and shocked by his decision. The Council gave the President a standing ovation. His presence in the team will be missed.

Deputy President Richard Walker will act until the meeting to re-elect is held. Already we have a number of nominations. The decision on the new President will be known after a Special Council Meeting held on the 21st April 2020.

Government Relaxes Alcohol Restrictions

As of the 20th April 2020, the Government has lifted limits on takeaway purchases of alcohol



A big thank you
to all of our
health care
workers

Be positive, be connected and be active



Light a candle and join our ANZAC Day driveway Dawn Service at 5.55am on April 25th. Tune in to ABC Radio, 6PR, 96FM and 6IX for the dawn commemoration.

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