

MEDIA RELEASE

Coronavirus Advice 3!

Following updated legislative restrictions released from the Federal Government, Carpentaria Shire Council will be implementing additional measures effective immediately.

Council library facilities will no longer be offering book requests via phone through pick up and drop off methods. Council has an online library service available for people wishing to access this service. If you are a member, but are not sure if you have access, you can contact the libraries on 4747 7522 for Karumba and 4747 8444 for Normanton. They will be able to assist with issuing you a username and pin number and will be able to direct you to the online portal. This online service gives members access to a great range of books, movies, games, National Geographic and many more features.

Pending advice from the Federal Government, all Council community and recreation facilities (i.e. Shire hall, Civic Centre, Rodeo Grounds), including council managed and hired facilities will be closed and any current bookings are now cancelled. This includes any facilities that have been hired by members of the public. The local government elections on Saturday 28th March 2020 will go ahead as planned. Any members of the public who have paid monies for hire of Council facilities can call Customer Service to receive a full refund.

Council would like to ensure residents at this time that they will be honouring all current pool and gym memberships, and an extension will be provided to each member for the time in which the facility will be closed.

It is with sadness that Council additionally needs to enforce restrictions as per the Federal Governments stipulations around funerals. Funerals are now restricted to a maximum of 10 people and the 1 person per 4 square metre rule applies here.

It is important that measures of social distancing and hygiene are taken seriously by the community to slow the spread of the virus. We encourage all residents to follow Federal Government advice to stay at home, unless shopping for essentials, travelling to and from work- where you cannot work from home, going to school and exercising. Keep visitors to your home at a minimum and in outdoor spaces do not congregate in groups.

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