



Message from the Shire President Re Covid-19

The Covid -19 (coronavirus) pandemic is changing every day and as a Shire we need to ensure that the safety and well being of our staff, community and volunteers are being looked after. It is vital that we follow all guidelines to help keep this virus out of our town, especially as we have vulnerable and elderly citizens who would be more prone to catching the virus.

I ask that people contact the shire via phone or email to see if they have mail and for any other queries to do the same. We want to restrict face to face interactions as much as possible to help stop the spread of any infections, especially as our health services in Sandstone are extremely limited.

The Shire has been putting measures in place to help keep our community safe by closing the Caravan Park and the Library. The Visitor Centre will not be opening and the Astro Dome will not be available for star gazing. There will be no gatherings of people, which means we will not be having an Anzac Service this year. These measures will remain until further notice.

We urge people to use social distancing and stand at least 1.5 metres away from each other at all times. Everyone needs to practice good hygiene to protect against infection and prevent the virus spreading.

This includes:

Washing your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and only use alcohol-based sanitisers.

Disposing of used tissues immediately and properly. (put in bin)

Covering your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or if you don't have a tissue...into your elbow.

If you feel sick, avoid contact with others and stay home. If you are worried read the Sandstone health flyer advice for COVID 19.

Clean and sanitise surfaces and objects used frequently such as keys, wallets, mobiles, tablets, keyboards and door handles.

I ask everyone to play their part and be diligent in keeping our community safe and giving each other support when needed. Thank you.

Beth Walton – Shire President