

MAY 2020

# Council Newsletter

SHIRE OF WYALKATCHEM

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## Council's Vision

That Wyalkatchem is an inclusive, dynamic community where all share in a thriving economy and a sustainable, safe and valued environment

## Our Purpose

The Council of Wyalkatchem works with the community to protect and enhance the quality of life for current and future generations.

# Admin Office Open - 18 May 2020

The Shire Admin Office will reopen to the public on Monday 18 May 2020.

To ensure the health and safety of the community and Shire staff, certain restrictions will remain in place when visiting including:

- One person inside at a time;
- Hand sanitiser will be provided, visitors will be encouraged to use it;
- The use of EFTPOS 'Tap and Go' instead of cash where possible;
- If you are unwell or showing symptoms, please do not visit the office

This is the first step of several in the next few weeks as the State Government gradually lifts restrictions. Other Shire facilities that were closed due to COVID-19 will remain closed for now. As soon as the facilities are permitted to resume by the State Government, the Shire will reopen them and advise the public accordingly.

## Update On Regional Border Restrictions

As of Monday 18 May 2020, the regional boundaries will be adjusted to four.

The new boundaries will allow:

1. Travelling between South West, Great Southern, Wheatbelt, Perth and Peel;
2. Travelling between Mid West, Gascoyne and Pilbara;
3. Travelling within the Goldfields Esperance regions;
4. Travelling within the Kimberley.

Travelling between the new four regions, or into the Biosecurity and remote areas, will still require exemptions.

## Three Phases Of Easing Of Restrictions

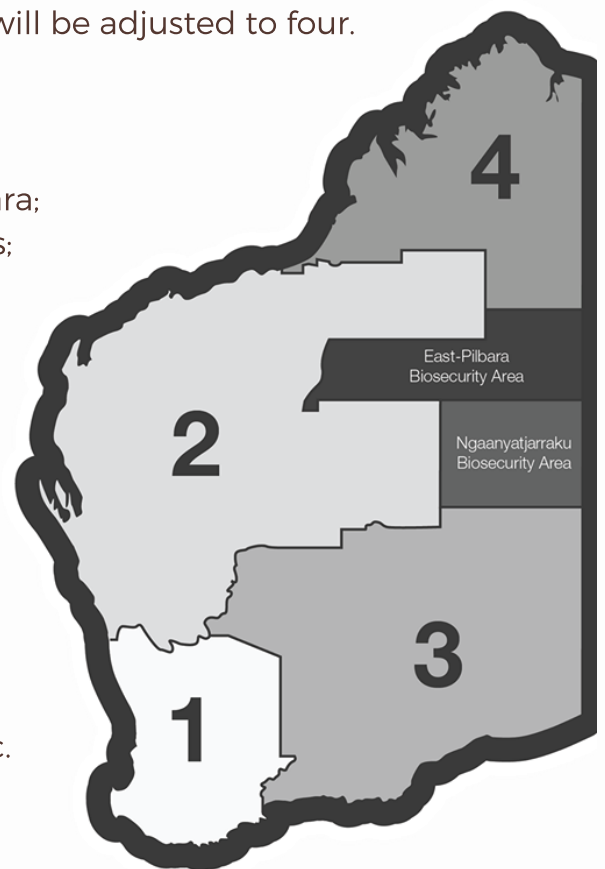
Premier Mark McGowan has announced the Three Phase plan to start easing COVID-19 related restrictions. Phase One is already in place, with gatherings raised to 10 people, schools re-opened etc. Phase Two will take place from 18th May 2020.

Phase Two:

- Indoor and outdoor non-work gatherings limit raised to 20 people (including weddings and funerals)
- Regional Boundaries adjusted, as explained above
- Dine-in meal services (restaurants, pubs, clubs) can resume, with the 20 person limit and appropriate social distancing measures in place
- Places of worship, libraries, community centres and facilities may reopen
- Non-contact community sport and training can recommence

Phase Three - expected around four weeks after Phase Two (TBA):

- Further increases to gathering sizes
- Reopening of playgrounds, skate parks etc
- Further reopening of shops, including beauty, personal care, services etc
- Resuming of contact sports
- Possible adjustments to regional boundaries



# Update Of Gathering Restrictions

As of 27 April 2020, the two person limit on non-work indoor and outdoor gatherings has been adjusted, with the limit rising to 10 people. All people present must still adhere to the 1.5m social distancing rule.

Additionally, the list of acceptable activities to do away from home has been expanded slightly. You should still practice social distancing and stay home except for:

- Shopping for what you need, such as food or other necessary supplies;
- Medical or health care needs, including compassionate requirements;
- Exercise, including outdoor personal training without shared equipment;
- Training or University study, where remote learning is unavailable;
- Childcare or school;
- Work;
- Non-contact recreational activities such as private picnics in the park, fishing, boating, hiking and camping - all in compliance with travel restrictions and the 10 person rule;
- Home opens and display village openings, with appropriate record keeping and hygiene practices in place, and compliance with the 10 person rule.

A maximum of 10 people will be allowed at weddings, funerals, outdoor personal training, home opens and display village inspections as part of these changes.

All other restrictions remain in place for now, and all public playground, skate parks and outdoor gym equipment is to remain closed.

**NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO BE COMPLACENT.** Please stay home as much as possible.

## COVIDSafe Tracing App

A new app has been developed by the Government to trace positive and potential COVID-19 cases.

Downloading the app is voluntary, but highly recommended by the Chief Medical Officer. The app's success is based on how many Australians use it.

The app works by using Bluetooth on your smart phone to log who you have been in close contact with, and will alert you if you have come into contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 (if they are also using the app).

The information is stored locally on your phone and only accessible by State and Territory Health Officials. Most personal information is not required by the app, only names, phone numbers, post codes etc.

It can be found on the App Store for iPhone and on Google Play for Android.

Search for 'COVIDSafe'.



# stop the spread!



# Flu Vaccinations

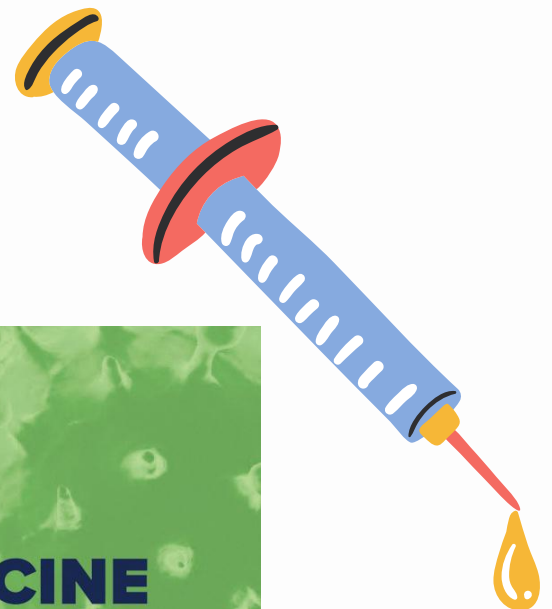
The Wyalkatchem Medical Centre is offering **FREE** Government funded influenza vaccines for **children 10 and under**, those **over 65 years** old, and **all aboriginals**.

For those who do not fit this category, and who wish to have the influenza vaccine, please ring Raj at the Happy Pill Pharmacy on **9681 1547**.

The Medical Centre is open as normal, however, are making changes to the way they practice to ensure the safety of all patients and staff.

For the time being, you can organise face to face, phone and video calls. The staff will advise you of the best method when making your appointment, depending on your needs.

The Wyalkatchem Medical Centre can be contacted by phone on **9681 1140**, or by email at **wyliemc@outlook.com**





# CEACA

Supporting Age Friendly Communities

## CEACA Units Available Now!



### Introducing new CEACA Referral Program!

Refer a friend, family member or acquaintance to our units and if the person they referred is successful, the referrer will be paid a one-off sum of **\$250!**

### Available units

#### Central East Aged Care Alliance Inc (CEACA) aims to provide affordable housing in the wheatbelt region.

The following CEACA sites are now fully occupied: Koorda, Westonia, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Bencubbin.

Two bedroom units are available in the following Shires and we invite expressions of interest to be sent to us at [info@ceaca.org.au](mailto:info@ceaca.org.au): Merredin, Kellerberrin, Beacon, Yilgarn, Wyalkatchem, Bruce Rock, and Trayning .

All units come with a split system air-conditioner in the main living area and ceiling fans in the bedrooms.

The interior of the units are furnished with good quality carpet and blinds.

The tenants are all settling in well and are enjoying their new home. If you have someone in mind who would be interested in renting one of our units, but need to know more or are unsure of whether they would be eligible, please let us know.



### Tenant feedback

The following are some comments from some of our happy tenants!

#### Lorraine & Laurie

Really like our new unit, very spacious and roomy. Love how we have a small community of people here who are helpful and neighbourly but also respectful of each other's privacy.

#### Graeme & Judith

We love our unit here in Kellerberrin. It is rather spacious and has heaps of storage. Living in a village community makes you feel quite safe everyone looks out for each other. And we are within walking distance of the shops. That gives us some exercise.

#### Rose & Terry

Life at the Kellerberrin units is great, everyone is friendly and we have get togethers for special occasions. New Year's Eve the tenants got together, we took our tables and chairs out under the tree and it was a great night for all. I would fully recommend living at these units.

**Get in touch**  
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