

COVID-19 Update from Mayor Libro Mustica

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The COVID-19 pandemic is continuing and unlike the scenes we see on television, it is great our local residents are playing their part by staying at home.

Normally we welcome visitors to the shire, however at this stage we are discouraging visitors to minimise the risk to locals and our health care system.

We are committed to helping all the communities in Moira Shire who are facing unprecedented hardship conditions both financially and emotionally.

Our COVID-19 Financial Hardship Policy is just one of many initiatives we are putting in place and this policy will apply to all rateable properties within the shire.

We are actively working with individual ratepayers who already have payment plans in place or have requested a plan to be put in place.

I would like to encourage any ratepayer who would like to discuss setting up a payment plan to suit their needs or anyone who is in financial difficulty to give us a call.

In addition, we are not charging user fees to all sporting clubs that use municipal land or buildings and whose seasons have been affected by this health crisis.

The rent for the June quarter has also been waived for enterprises that operate from Council owned or managed land which have been affected by the enforced business closures.

Council facilities including sports stadiums recreation reserves, playgrounds, skate parks, public barbecues and public exercise equipment are closed.

Along with the Tungamah, Strathmerton and Yabba Transfer Stations, all Resource Recovery Sheds are now closed and no access will be granted.

Our Customer Service Centres in Yarrawonga and Cobram remained closed for the foreseeable future as do our Visitor Service Centres.

However, there are multiple ways you can still contact us.

Visit our website www.moira.vic.gov.au, email us at info@moira.vic.gov.au or simply pick up the phone and call us on (03) 5871 9222.

The latest advice is we have potentially months of restrictions as we head towards winter, so if we all play our part we will be better placed to recover from the health and economic impacts that are hurting our small communities.

Please stay safe and stay at home unless you need to leave for an approved activity.