

# COVID-19 Update #01

The Department of Health are the lead agency for this situation and people are advised to visit their website as a true and accurate source of information.

Various resources for employers, schools and higher education, health, aged care, childcare, transport, travel and hotel sectors are available at the following websites:

- [HealthyWA website](#)
- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#)
- [State Government Coronavirus Page](#)

**National Coronavirus Health Information Line: 1800 020 080**

*To continue with the delivery of core services to the community, the Shire have implemented changes incorporating social distancing and enhanced hygiene across all departments.*

## **Shire Services Update: Changes to facilities, events and activities**

Community health and safety remains a top priority for the Shire of Irwin as the global Coronavirus outbreak continues to be monitored closely.

The Shire are monitoring the rapidly changing situation very closely and making necessary changes as needed.

With the recent ban on non-essential indoor gatherings over 100 people, the Shire wishes to advise there will be some changes to facilities, events and programming during this time.

The following is advised:

### **Dongara Public Library / Licensing & Visitor Centre will close next week:**

- PUBLIC LIBRARY – Call 9927 1859 to hire a book and it will be delivered to your door. All public events including workshops, children's activities such as Storytime and school holiday activities have been suspended until further notice.
- VISITOR CENTRE – For bus bookings, call 1300 662 205 or for other tourism enquiries, call 9927 1404. Brochures are available from outside the Visitor Centre.

### **Shire of Irwin Depot**

- Public access to the Shire Depot has changed significantly, please call 9927 2268 for further detail.

## Shire of Irwin Administration

- Remaining open at this stage, however significant measures have been taken to enhance hygiene and social distancing.

## Events

*The following events and programs have been **cancelled**:*

- Dongara Denison Drive-In
- Monthly Markets (April 4 & May 2)
- Dongara Easter Races (April 10)
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- Overflow camping at the Dongara Town Oval over the Easter long weekend
- Autumn Craft Roundup (April 17 & 18)
- ANZAC Day (April 25)

*The following events and programs are **continuing** at this stage:*

- Midwest Show & Shine and Denison Foreshore Sprint (September 2020)
- Irwin District Charity Ball (October 2020)
- Larry Lobster Festival (November 2020)

## Irwin Recreation Centre

*The following sports & activities have been **cancelled**:*

- All Dongara basketball competitions
- School Holiday Program
- All current bookings for the Function Room & Ocean Room have been cancelled with no future bookings being taken until further notice.

*The following sports & activities have been **suspended** until further notice:*

- Dongara Junior Football
- Dongara Eagles Football
- Dongara Vets Football
- Dongara Hockey
- North Midlands Netball
- Breezes Netball
- Social Netball
- Gymnastics
- Toddler Time
- Midwest Yoga
- Australian Wado Ryu Karate

## Irwin Rec Gym

- Remaining open with gym classes to continue at this stage, however will be winding down over the next few days while the Irwin Rec staff develop outdoor alternatives. Please check the Irwin Rec Facebook page for updates.

## Shire of Irwin Transfer Station

- Remaining open at this stage, however the Recycling Centre ("Tip Shop") will be closed until further notice. Please make any payments by EFTPOS where possible.

## Shire of Irwin Community Bus

- All current bookings have been cancelled and the Shire will not be taking any future bookings until further notice.

## Activities in Shire-owned Premises

*The following activities in Shire-owned premises have been **suspended** until further notice:*

- Dongara Playgroup
- Dongara Denison Surf Life Saving Club

*The following activities in Shire-owned premises are **continuing** at this stage, however the Shire will be in contact with the relevant groups to discuss the best way forward in the coming days:*

- Irwin Autumn Centre
- Dongara Charities Op Shop
- Dongara Community Resource Centre
- Dongara Denison Local Rag
- Dongara Pottery Group
- Dongara Bowling Club
- Dongara Golf Club
- Dongara Patchwork Club
- Dongara Denison Art Group
- Dongara Pistol Club
- Dongara RSL
- Starfish Café

## Shire Public Facilities

- The Shire have increased the cleaning of all public ablutions
- The Shire is investigating the closure of some public ablutions to allow for increased cleaning of the ablutions remaining open.

The Shire would like to thank the community for their patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Community members are reminded they can still contact the Shire by phoning (08) 9927 0000 or email [reception@irwin.wa.gov.au](mailto:reception@irwin.wa.gov.au)