

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK

Important Dates.

Council meetings and workshops will continue as scheduled but have been given authority to be held online for Councillors and staff. Agendas and minutes are available to view on Council's website: www.claregilbertvalleys.sa.gov.au – please call the Council office on 8842 6400 for any queries.

COVID-19 update

A number of changes have had to be made to facilities and services due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you wish to have contact with council staff please phone or email the office in the first instance – 8842 6400 or email: admin@cgvc.sa.gov.au

Council continues to monitor the situation closely and enact measures to protect the health of our community, visitors and staff, and to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Actions being taken by Council are in line with advice and direction from State and Federal Governments, and relevant Government Health Authorities.

During this time, Council encourages our residents to play their part – observe stricter personal hygiene and social distancing, stay away from public places if you're unwell, be respectful to our staff and look out for the vulnerable members of your community. Council is continually putting updates via its various social media and other media channels regarding any changes to services.

Library services

Library buildings have been closed to the public, but online borrowing of e-books and e-magazines is available through the digital library service – for the direct link to eBooks and online resources – www.libraries.sa.gov.au/client/en_AU/sapubliclibraries for online story times and at-home learning resources go to the library Facebook page – www.facebook.com/CGVCLibrary/ Phone the Clare Library 8842 3817 or Saddleworth Library 8847 4096 for assistance. Return any books or DVDs in the afterhours return chute.

Free WiFi

Free WiFi continues to be available outside library buildings.

ANZAC Day

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions on public gatherings, there will sadly be no ANZAC day services held at memorials throughout the Council district. Australians are encouraged to privately commemorate ANZAC Day, in-line with the latest health advice, and to watch the service at the Australian War Memorial. While the service is not open to public attendance, it will be nationally broadcast, to enable the public to watch from their own homes. There will also be a range of other commemorative activities broadcast throughout the day. For updates please go to: www.dva.gov.au/recognition/events-and-reminders-all-who-served/commemorative-services/anzac-day-2020

Council services & closures

Public Playgrounds, Skate Parks and outside gym equipment are unavailable for use. For your own safety, please ensure that you do not access these spaces or use any of the equipment until the restrictions are lifted. Council has placed signs to discourage access. Please note Council does not have the resources to clean this equipment several times a day and therefore it should not be assumed to be safe to use.

Under the Emergency Management Act 2004, Police are now able to issue on-the-spot expiation notices to persons who contravene directives made by the Commissioner of Police, including this expected directive related to playgrounds.

Changes to Council Services: Libraries, Halls, The Valleys Lifestyle Centre and swimming pools are closed as per the directive of the Prime Minister. The Riverton Office is closed due to staffing issues.

Council services are deemed essential and will continue to be provided unless directed otherwise by the Premier or Prime Minister.

RRR Women's Leadership - online

Open to women of all ages living in Rural Regional and Remote communities - Improve your leadership skills, increase your confidence and connect with likeminded RRR women in an inclusive environment through the National Rural Women's Coalition e-Skilling RRR Women's Leadership online program – applications close 30 April 2020 – apply online: www.nrwc.com.au

Clare Gleeson Street Mural

The planned mural on the northern corner of Gleeson Street and Main North Road, Clare, has begun. The successful design has been created by artist Jack Fran – keep an eye out on its progress.

Help for Parents – eSafety Commissioner

The website for the office of the eSafety Commissioner has some useful information to help parents and carers help children to have a safe and enjoyable experiences online – www.esafety.gov.au/parents

SA COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line

If you or someone you know would benefit from mental health support during the pandemic please contact the dedicated SA COVID-19 Mental Health Support line on 1800 632 753.

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