



## Restrictions to ease on Friday

Stage 2 of easing travel restrictions in and out of Woorabinda will come into effect at the end of this week, Mayor Josh Weazel says.

However, he said, future detections of local transmission of COVID 19 in the Central Queensland area will mean a further review by the Human Biosecurity Officer.

"If the risk of infection in the community outside of Woorabinda increases we will go back to more restrictive arrangements again," he said.

"But for now Stage 2 means we can travel within a 300km safe travel zone, which includes Emerald, Blackwater, Moura, Rocky, Yeppoon, Gladstone and Biloela for shopping, visiting family and recreation.

"An applications to leave won't be needed but your names will be recorded at the checkpoint."

He said anyone living outside of the community still had to apply to Council to be approved for entry.



Live on Facebook: Mayor Josh Weazel addressing a community meeting last week. Courtesy Alwyn Doolan.

"We are making progress towards bringing our community back to normal," he said.

He said it was very important for anyone who left the community to be extremely careful.

"Your patience, understanding and vigilance when outside of Woorie is part of protecting our community too," he said.

"Please follow the health and safety guidelines on the back page of this newsletter very closely and please keep yourself safe, for everyone's continued health and wellbeing."

He said the Council bus would be available for shopping trips to Rockhampton next Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

### Community Persons Returning

Community persons have been allowed to apply to return to the community since 1 June 2020.

Everyone returning is subject to two Covid-19 tests at the hospital when they came back in.

They must return to community between the hours of 9am – 3pm on their negotiated day

They will be required to isolate at home for two days after their first test to ensure they do not develop symptoms, and then go back for a second test after 14 days.

## Wow! So many to thank!

Piles of winter clothing, blankets and other useful items, which have been very kindly donated from several sources, are still available for the community to collect from the Kangaroo Stadium this week.

Staff from local organisations including CFF, CQID, PCYC, Red Cross and Council have assisted in the coordination of various deliveries and work at this end. Big 'thank you's to the following individuals, groups and orgs:

- Yoonthala had some stored donations;
- Bronwyn Dindle approached the Mission Lutheran Church;
- Saraeva Tilboroo in Rocky;
- Lawrie Armstrong from Central Qld Uni;
- Dulcie Dooley, who ran a Facebook campaign;
- Regina Anderson from Ergon;
- Rhonda Hill and her staff from Red Cross;
- CQID for the Men's Packs;
- Cathy Freeman for the Mum's & Bub's Packs;
- Lisa Accoom, who put the call out in the first place to the Salvation Army, who brought the first run of new clothing and blankets for us;
- And finally, to the PCYC for having us!



Pic thanks to Janelle Evans



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**If YOU leave Woorie, you must still help us protect our community and our families from Covid-19**

- Our Elders, smokers and chronic disease sufferers should stay isolated wherever possible!
- WASH YOUR HANDS with soap and water, or use hand sanitiser or wipes, BEFORE entering any public place and BEFORE getting back into your car.
- KEEP YOUR (SOCIAL) DISTANCE!!!
- Even at home, practice lots of hand washing and wiping down surfaces, especially after shopping.
- Don't share things and restrict unnecessary travel and visits.

**REMEMBER:** there is no treatment or vaccine - getting into an ICU will be really hard if lots of people get sick!



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