



MEDIA ALERT

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COUNCIL VENUE MANAGEMENT IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Council will close a number of its venues and limit indoor activities as it moves to comply with state and federal health orders restricting non-essential indoor gatherings of more than 100 people.

Mudgee Library will be closed to the public until further notice with all planned library events and activities cancelled. Mudgee Library staff will be available online at libraries@midwestern.nsw.gov.au or via telephone on 6378 2740 to discuss options for home delivery of books or to arrange pick up. Council's Mobile Library Service will continue with the exception of attending nursing homes, which is now restricted under new health guidelines. Kandos, Rylstone and Gulgong libraries remain open.

Council is closing venues for hire, including community halls and sporting grounds, and will not be accepting any bookings for events occurring before Monday, 4 May. Existing bookings will be contacted by Council staff to reschedule or receive a refund.

All public parks, playgrounds and pools remain open at this stage, however with the evolving health guidelines in relation to COVID-19 this may change.

April movie screenings at Mudgee Town Hall Cinema have been cancelled in line with the non-essential indoor gathering orders.

Council's Seniors Week activities have been cancelled as well as Healthy Communities Activities and Youth Week activities at Mudgee Library.

"I'd like to remind everyone that there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Mid-Western Region however Council is making all efforts to protect its staff and community from potential transmission of the virus," General Manager Brad Cam said.

"Council is working in collaboration with NSW Health to ensure we're prepared to protect ourselves. Along with ensuring the safety of our community, among Council's key objectives is to provide essential information about any change in services and facility operation in line with government advice."

As the situation evolves, Council will continue to provide updates via its website and social media. For all health advice in relation to COVID-19 please visit NSW Health at www.health.nsw.gov.au or contact 1800 020 080.

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