

Response and Recovery Pandemic 2020 Plan

The COVID-19 outbreak is an unprecedented event in recent history.

To protect the health of residents and staff, the City of Ballarat has instigated its Response and Recovery Pandemic 2020 Plan for its staff, ratepayers, residents and the broader community.

Evidence from around the world has shown that pre-emptive measures are extremely effective in containing the spread of the disease.

NOTE: This is an extremely fluid situation and events are changing daily.

All information listed below is correct as at 11.30am on Monday 16 March 2020 but is subject to change. Please keep up-to-date by visiting ballarat.vic.gov.au

The City of Ballarat has a key role to play in all emergency management situations affecting the municipality.

The City of Ballarat's primary focus for the next six months is to ensure that we have the best chance of avoiding the major impacts of COVID-19.

Key objectives of City of Ballarat's approach:

- Contain the spread of the disease
- Maintain a healthy workforce
- Provide strong leadership across the municipality
- Keep residents and business informed about what we're doing and why we're doing it.

We are encouraging residents to:

- Remain calm
- Follow all state and federal government advice
- Look out for one another, check on your neighbours and provide assistance where necessary
- This is about social distancing, not social isolation.

More information:

The City of Ballarat will provide regular updates to keep the community informed.

These are pre-emptive measures aimed at reducing the spread of COVID-19. Our key message to everyone is to remain calm.

Council facility closures

The following City of Ballarat facilities will close from 5pm today, Monday 16 March 2020:

In line with current advice from the federal and state governments, the following City of Ballarat facilities will close indefinitely at 5pm today.

The situation will continue to be reviewed and monitored.

- Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre
- Art Gallery Ballarat
- Her Majesty's Theatre
- Civic Hall
- Ballarat Libraries
- Eureka Centre
- Senior Citizen Centres will also be asked to consider closing their facilities

The following services, which are run by the City of Ballarat, will remain open but will continue to be reviewed – however any customers and/or children who are feeling unwell are asked to stay at home.

- Childcare facilities
- Family Day Care services
- Maternal Child Health services
- Immunisation services
- Meals on Wheels
- Home and Community Care