

**MEDIA RELEASE**  
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**UPDATE ON THE CLOSURE OF COUNCIL FACILITIES IN  
RESPONSE TO COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS**

Walgett Shire Council is taking a proactive approach in response to the unfolding situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19) and taking steps to prepare the organisation for this health emergency. Council's priority is to look after the safety of our community and our staff while we maintain a wide range of infrastructure and services.

We are continually assessing what disruptions are likely and how we plan to manage these scenarios on behalf of our community.

Council has made the decision to close additional facilities across the Shire. This includes;

- Council's administration office in Walgett (Effective 4.30pm 30 March 2020)
- Shire wide playgrounds in Walgett, Lightning Ridge, Burren Junction, Collarenebri and Carinda (Effective 30 March 2020).
- Shire wide camping grounds including Alex Trevallion Park, Walgett Showground, Collarenebri Showground, Burren Junction Bore Baths, Carinda Sporting Ground and Collarenebri Camping Ground (Effective 26 March 2020).

Council wishes to remind residents that all libraries, swimming pools, bore baths, youth centres and visitor information centres remain closed.

The closure of these services are preventative measures to support the health and wellbeing of staff, volunteers and the community.

Staff will continue to work during the closures on behind the scenes projects and will be available via phone and email to answer any questions the public may have.

All the above decisions have been made to minimise face-to-face contact points and enhance social distancing measures in the interest of public health. Residents are encouraged to contact Council via phone, email and our website.

Council will continue to monitor information released by state and federal health organisations as well as the World Health Organisation and will keep the community informed of any changes to Council related services.