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## **MAYORAL MESSAGE**

Walgett Shire Council Mayor, Ian Woodcock OAM said "he was pleased that a vast majority of residents were adhering to the Covid restrictions as outlined in the Public Health Order, but in saying that, there will always be a small number of people that for one reason or another won't obey the rules, and I am sure these people have come to the attention of our local police men and women"

"While some people may not agree with an extension of the stay at home rules, it's a necessary measure to control case numbers while vaccinations are underway. In a matter of weeks NSW shall reach the seventy percent vaccination target, and restrictions should ease a little, in the meantime, Walgett Shire residents need to do the right thing to achieve zero cases, or it will be a dismal Christmas for all residents if we continue in lockdown.'

We are all working our way through this situation and I would encourage businesses and residents affected by the restrictions to log onto the NSW Governments web site (<a href="www.nsw.gov.au">www.nsw.gov.au</a>) for assistance with advice on restrictions, and financial support measures that are available" he said.

The Mayor went onto say "that he would encourage all eligible residents to have the vaccination as it will lower your chance of contracting the virus, and protects our families and the community. Nonetheless, we should continue to wear masks, physically distance, wash our hands regularly, use hand sanitiser and get tested if you have the slightest of symptoms. Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those wonderful brave men and women at the frontline of the Covid war, the nurses, doctors, ambulance and police officers and other support agencies such as SES, RFS and the ADF."