

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) **COMMUNITY NOTICE 4**

Biosecurity Determination 2020 travel restrictions for Mornington Shire

Effective immediately (1700 hours Wednesday 08.04.2020) the following travel restrictions will **NOW** apply for Mornington Island. The main change is that 14 days quarantine must now be done before people travel to Mornington Island if they are not providing an essential activity. Government are still working on processes for this to occur and how they can support people with complying with this direction.

Essential Travel – for an **essential activity** in any designated area (which Mornington Island is) means any of the following:

- (a) providing any of the following for the benefit of one or more persons in the area:
 - (i) health care;
 - (ii) education;
 - (iii) services relating to prevention of, or recovery from, domestic violence;
 - (iv) services relating to child protection;
 - (v) policing services;
 - (vi) emergency services;
 - (vii) essential services of a kind typically provided by local government, such as rubbish collection;
 - (viii) services, benefits, programs or facilities that the Chief Executive Centrelink has the function of providing;
- (b) providing correctional services in relation to one or more persons in the area;
- (c) providing funerary services in the area;
- (d) conducting, or taking part in, a sitting of a court or tribunal in the area;
- (e) operating, maintaining or repairing:
 - (i) equipment for providing electricity, gas, water, medical services or telecommunications services; or
 - (ii) other essential infrastructure in the area;
- (f) delivering food, fuel, mail or medical supplies in the area;
- (g) obtaining medical care or medical supplies in the area;
- (h) continuing the construction in the area of housing or transport infrastructure that was in progress immediately before the commencement of this instrument;

(i) carrying out mining operations, or operations ancillary to mining operations, in the area in a manner that is agreed with a human biosecurity officer so as to minimise the extent to which other persons in the area are exposed to the persons carrying out those operations;

(j) transporting freight to or from a place in the area,

(k) allowing a person with an urgent need to carry out an essential activity related to commercial primary production or broadcasting services to enter a designated area;

(l) allowing the Director of Human Biosecurity, a chief human biosecurity officer for a State or Territory, a human biosecurity officer, a biosecurity official and an official performing functions under an Australian law relating to public health or biosecurity to enter a designated area in the course of the person's duties as an official;

For travel – apply for a permit as per current processes but your organisation must have an “agreed management plan” pre-approved by a human biosecurity officer for travel to be granted.

Non-essential travel – all other travel and this includes – community members wanting to come home, medical returnees, released prisoners, family members of essential services and so forth.

For travel – apply for a permit as per current process to LDMG chair.

To get travel approved, an application must contain supporting evidence that the:

Applicant underwent 14 days quarantine before travel,

Applicant has provided a statutory declaration that provides evidence that they have spent this period in quarantine.

LDMG Chair can then make a recommendation to the Human Biosecurity Officer for an exemption and grant permission to travel.

No supporting evidence – application will be refused by the chair of the LDMG and the applicant notified they can't travel.

