

## EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 INDOOR GATHERINGS LIMIT

- **Council suspends public events including Morning Melodies, Library and Nursery programs until further notice**
- **Innisfail Shire Hall closed and public audiences at The Con to be cancelled**
- **Ordinary Council meeting 26 March to continue under strict social distancing guidelines**
- **All Council sponsored public events for the next six months under review**

Following yesterday's announcement from the Prime Minister that indoor events of more than 100 people should not proceed, Council will cancel forthcoming Morning Melodies and Library programs, including Library outreach programs, until further notice.

Council has also assessed the risks involved with other activities and to protect the health and safety of its workers and the community, it will cancel Bloom Sings at the Innisfail Shire Hall (originally 24 March) and Cassowary Coast Libraries' regular programs, including outreach programs.

The Innisfail Shire Hall will be closed until further notice and no public audiences will be permitted at The Con.

The Tully and Innisfail nursery volunteer programs are suspended.

The Ordinary Council Meeting scheduled for 26 March in Tully will continue as planned with strict social distancing guidelines. Only those with business relevant to that agenda should attend with a strict capacity of numbers in the room to be enforced on the day.

Residents are advised these measures could be in place for up to six months.

Council reminds residents that enquiries with its customer service should be conducted over the phone (1300 763 903), via [email](#) or [online](#) wherever possible.

### **Libraries, Museums and Visitor Information Centres**

Libraries, museums and Visitor Information Centres are currently open to the public, however all residents should be aware that this may change in the coming weeks.

In order to adapt to the current situation, Cassowary Coast Libraries have opened the after-hours book return all day and increased the loan limit to 15 items at a time as well as encouraging renewals over the phone or online when required.

In keeping with yesterday's advice to utilise website, email or phone to conduct business with Council wherever possible, the libraries also encourage residents to utilise the [Online Library Catalogue](#) which allows users to search and reserve items for loan remotely.

As an alternative to book loans, Cassowary Coast Libraries also reminds of [eLibrary](#) which offers a 24/7 digital library service allowing members to borrow from a huge range of e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines and movies. This service offers an incredible array of titles across each service and can be downloaded to any computer or mobile device.

### **Morning Melodies and other Council supported events**

Guests who had purchased tickets to the Morning Melodies "Bloom Sings" will be offered the choice of a refund or a credit to use this ticket at the next event. Season pass holders will be reconciled at the end of the year and offered an appropriate discount for a 2021 pass.

Discussions are currently under way with The String Family, whose concert is currently scheduled for Saturday 4 April, to explore a digital broadcast option of their performance so that it can proceed without a physical audience. Council will advise of this outcome in due course.

### **Major public events**

Anzac Day ceremonies and Battle of the Coral Sea (scheduled 3 May) in Cardwell are cancelled.

All other Council sponsored public events scheduled to take place in the coming six months are under review to ensure government enforced rules of public gatherings no greater than 100 people indoors, and no greater than 500 people outdoors can be practically applied with social distancing measures in place. Where this cannot be done, the event should be cancelled by their organisers.

### **More information on Coronavirus:**

For the latest advice, information and resources, go to [www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19](http://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19).

Call the National Coronavirus Help Line on 1800 020 080. It operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If you require translating or interpreting services, call 131 450.