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Dear Shire Residents and Ratepayers,

**RE: COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT NOTICE  
CORONAVIRUS - COVID-19 UPDATE  
Update: 19/03/2020 – 1.10pm**

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I wish to advise residents and ratepayers of Council's response to the international coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, and where possible, address any concerns that our community may have.

At this time, there are no reported cases of coronavirus in the Shire. Council urges all residents to remain calm, be alert & informed of official updates and follow social distancing and hygiene practices recommended by Commonwealth and State Health Agencies. We all have a role in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 will present many challenges to our community and services in the coming weeks to months. Council remains alert and responsive to guidance issued by Commonwealth and State Health Agencies. As you can appreciate the situation continues to evolve on a daily basis.

Council has activated its Business Continuity Plan to ensure essential services continue. There may be changes to non-essential services over time, or in the way Council conducts its business. Further information will be provided on changes to services in due course.

Flinders Shire Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) continues to monitor Australia's response to COVID-19 daily. Queensland Health is the lead agency for responding to pandemics – the LDMG stands ready to assist when called upon.

**Further information can be obtained from: -**

Queensland Health - <https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

Australian Department of Health - <https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

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