



Mayor's Message

Financial assistance and border closure update

With the COVID-19 pandemic affecting our whole region economically, we remain committed to helping all the communities in Moira Shire who are facing unprecedented hardship, both financially and emotionally.

To assist businesses, organisations and individuals we will not be charging 'hire of park' fees for events to be held up until the end of September.

In addition, 'hire of hall' fees will not be charged until the end of September for Council-owned or operated buildings.

Bookings must still be made and, depending on the type of event, a bond may still be required.

We are actively working with individual ratepayers who already have payment plans in place or have requested a plan be developed.

As well as waiving 100% of the rent for the June quarter for enterprises that operate from Council-owned or managed land, we have also given a 50% rebate for the September quarter for these businesses.

In addition, while businesses must still submit an application for food registration, fees normally payable with the application or renewal have been waived until November 2020.

The border closure between Victoria and NSW has been in place for more than a week now.

These are certainly challenging times and we are asking everyone to prepare for slight delays when crossing the border and to remain patient.

You need a permit to enter or return to NSW however you do not need a permit to enter Victoria.

You need to demonstrate your eligibility to cross the border to police by carrying relevant documentation based on your exemption category as well as identification information such as a drivers licence.

The eligibility requirements include, but are not limited to, a NSW resident returning home; a cross-border resident; a boarding school/university student or a parent/guardian accompanying a student; a carer for an individual entering NSW; employment; and medical appointments.

Three of the four border crossings in Moira Shire are open to cross if you have the appropriate permit, however the Barmah Bridge has been closed, with no crossings permitted.

We understand these are difficult times, please give us a call on 5871 9222 if you would like to chat about your situation – we will work together to get the best possible outcome.