



BOURKE SHIRE COUNCIL

MEDIA RELEASE

Closure of Council Building to the Public – Due to COVID 19 Pandemic

In response to Coronavirus (COVID 19) and in order to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, Bourke Shire Council General Manager, Ross Earl has announced that effective Monday 30 March 2020, Councils office in Mitchell Street Bourke, will be closed to the public, until further notice.

Such closure will be in respect of both Councils front desk operations and the Service NSW Agency. At this point, Staff will be available by phone (Ph 6830 8000) to answer enquiries in respect of either Council or Service NSW activities, however this practice will be reviewed should State and Federal requirements become more stringent for the purposes of public safety.

Mr Earl encourages the community to utilise electronic means to make contact with Council (email: bourkeshire@bourke.nsw.gov.au) or undertake business with Service NSW for the renewal of registrations for vehicles and the like (Web: service.nsw.gov.au).

Mr Earl further noted that due to the pandemic, Council had suspended its vehicle registration inspection service, again until further notice. Vital services such as rubbish collection, street sweeping and water/sewer services will continue operating as 'essential services' for human health, even should the current situation significantly worsen.

Councils after hours emergency contact number (Ph 0419 722 055) will continue to operate as per normal. As this situation is constantly and rapidly evolving, Council will continue to provide the public with further information as available.

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