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To the Leaseholder

### **Re: Staged Opening of Community Facilities**

The Queensland Government has released a [roadmap to easing COVID-19 restrictions](#) and has provided updated advice on how this should occur. The Sunshine Coast Council is committed to adhering to the advice received from the Queensland Government and relevant health agencies, and the purpose of this letter is to update you on Council's position with respect to the relaxation of restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the roadmap now clearly outlined, Council is responding accordingly in an effort to provide opportunities for our local community to reconnect, but whilst we also strictly adhere with social distancing guidelines and hygiene guidelines. As a group who has a tenure arrangement with Council, we are writing to provide further advice, and request your assistance in ensuring all facilities are re-opened in a safe and responsible manner.

As the State of Queensland moves through the various stages of re-opening, Council would like to ensure all tenure holders are aware of their obligations and responsibilities in the event your facility can be re-opened. The roadmap for the three stages, together with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) for Stage One, can be found on the Queensland Government's COVID-19 website at <https://www.qld.gov.au/covid-19>. You will also find a series of checklists to assist you at this site, and we would again seek your assistance by encouraging you to view these and comply where appropriate to ensure the wellbeing of your staff, volunteers and visitors.

Specifically, in Stage 1 (from 11.59pm, 15 May 2020), there is allowance for Community facilities to open to up to 10 people at one time, ensuring physical distancing is observed and hygiene is maintained. If you are planning on opening your indoor facility this weekend or during the Stage 1 timeframe, we ask that you please ensure that you will meet the requirements of;

- Social distancing
- 1 person per 4m<sup>2</sup>
- Maximum of 10 people inside
- Queuing management
- (Enhanced) cleaning regime
- Hygiene protocols (prior to entry, during and on exit)

Unfortunately, for sporting groups, Stage 1 does not include the resumption of any organised sporting activity, or training or playing. The outdoor, non-contact activity gatherings of up to 10 people permitted by the Government in Stage 1 is intended for families, groups of friends or members of the same household. Accordingly, your group must continue to adhere to the guidelines of the relevant current stage of the recovery plan until your peak sporting body receives

approval from the Queensland Government to progress to the next stage, and provides formal notification to Associations and Clubs of that approval.

It remains entirely at the discretion of each individual leaseholder as to their readiness and willingness to re-open your venues, and we take the opportunity to remind you of the obligations in your agreement with Council to comply at all times with all prevailing legislative and regulatory requirements.

For your information, we have made the decision that Council managed centres, halls, aquatic centres and sporting grounds will not be re-opening this weekend, 16 May 2020.

Further to this, there is no expectation from Council that you will be re-opening, and we support your decision on when to re-open your facility based on what is best for your group and the wellbeing of your members.

Yours faithfully



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