

Good morning,

Last Thursday, 26/3 Wollongong City Council advised all Council owned buildings are closed to public access.

If you are in need of assistance or are aware of someone else in our community who may need assistance please call the Centre on 4285 3055. We are onsite 9-2 and will continue to answer the phones, provide referrals and assistance as required.

The measures being put in place across Australia to slow the spread of the COVID 19 (Corona virus) are having an impact on how everyone goes about their daily lives. The information regarding the precautions required to slow the spread of the virus are being continually updated by the Department of Health and the Centre will continue to remain informed of these.

As things progress this may include some changes in how we deliver our services. We are no longer permitted to provide breakfast or our community lunch program. However, we have cooked some nutritious meals and are encouraging community to come and collect meals through our front window, to take away.

Our Social Worker Jen is attending to all appointments by phone.

Needle exchange will continue as normal however we envisage hours may be reduced in the future.

EAPA appointments will be by phone in the near future however at this point in time we are not booking appointments. We are working towards our accreditation to complete phone appointments as quickly as possible. We are encouraging community to contact suppliers to explain and ask for extensions.

We are currently providing food assistance where we can through very generous donations from community members.

We have lots of stock in our shop which we have paid for and we are selling at a heavily reduced price.

Frozen fish, chicken and lamb and plenty of rice, pasta and tinned goods available.

We hold the health and wellbeing of our community as our utmost priority and will continue to keep our networks updated with any changes to our services via social media and our web page. We are aware that not all our community has access to these, so ask that everyone support each other during this difficult time by passing on the information that is shared from our social media and web site page.

Kind regards,

Cath Daly

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