

Warrigal

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Dear Village Resident,

It has certainly been a challenging year, and I hope that you are coping with the current restrictions. I want to extend my gratitude on the number of residents that have been vaccinated, not only is it reassuring that we will have a safe community, but it will make it easier to implement changes in the coming weeks.

One of the recent changes relates to outdoor recreation in that from 13 September 2021, if you are fully vaccinated, you can attend an outdoor gathering in a public place of up to 5 people for exercise or outdoor recreation in your own local government area, or within 5km of your home if you cross into another local government area. These changes relate to gatherings in public spaces, and up until this point should not include gatherings within the Village.

The current stay at home orders will be lifted once NSW passes the 70% double vaccination rate which is projected to be from 11 October 2021. We are conscious that case numbers in most areas where Warrigal has a Community Village are increasing, which presents a risk to the residents, particularly going into the community. On this basis, gatherings of up to five people are permitted within the village from this weekend, providing they have been fully vaccinated.

We are working on a plan that will see the numbers of people gathering begin to increase that is consistent with the easing of restrictions in the community, with the next stage when NSW reaches 80% double vaccination rate. This will be communicated once we approach the date, however, our focus will be on outdoor gatherings.

I understand that some residents were relying on accessing books from the library in Village Halls, and while we cannot open up Halls for residents to freely come and go, there is an option for books to be accessed if a resident is prepared to take on the responsibility of overseeing the access to the Hall at a designated time, with only one person to enter at a time wearing a surgical mask and following hand hygiene precautions.

The 'single bubble' continues. This means that a person living on their own is able to have one visitor to their home once per day. The same person is the only one allowed to visit and masks must be worn whilst outside and inside the villa.

Thanks for your understanding at this challenging time and please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Smith
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