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# The Hon. Gabrielle Upton MP Member for Vaucluse



## **NSW GOVERNMENT UPDATE ON COVID-19**

April 2020

#### Dear Resident

Ahead of the weekend I wanted to give you an update on the work the NSW Government is doing to support our community against the COVID-19 pandemic.

I've got to say that this challenging time has had a bonus for one member of my household. Our much-loved dog Toffee is lapping up all the extra attention and company he gets at home. Toffee turned 11 years old this week too – happy birthday Toffee! Thank you for being such a good family friend.

And to our friends celebrating Orthodox Easter this Sunday - Khristós anésti, Christos voskres, Hristos vaskrsel



#### **Mental Wellbeing Materials**

The school holidays can be a difficult and confusing time for families staying at home. The Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service is available online with regular updated advice and strategies to help support mental health wellbeing. Resources are also available for young people <u>here</u> and parents <u>here</u>.

## **Special Commission of Inquiry into Ruby Princess**

A special commission of inquiry will be established to investigate the events surrounding the Ruby Princess cruise ship while Police and the State Coroner continue their respective investigations. For more information, please click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Licence Fees Slashed for Businesses**

A range of licence and permit fees for businesses have been waived for 12 months including relief for up to 200,000 licence holders in the trades and construction sectors. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

#### **Local Government Regulatory Changes**

The NSW Government wants to ensure Local Councils continue to focus on their COVID-19 response with changes including:

- Enabling councils to delay sending out the first quarterly rates notice for 2020-21 and extending the payment deadline by one month;
- Enabling councils to immediately waive or reduce fees for services such as food premise inspections and footpath use for affected businesses;
- Providing councils with a one month extension to adopt their 2020-21 operational plans and budgets and submit their 20919-20 audited financial statements and annual reports.
- Removing the requirement for council notices to be advertised in newspapers and allowing the notices to be published on their websites.

For more information, please click here.

Here are some helpful links to NSW Government information.

## **KEY INFORMATION LINKS**

Latest updates on COVID-19

Information on NSW Public Health Orders and restrictions

**NSW Fair Trading Q&A's for Renting and Property** 

Information for NSW Businesses and Employees

**NSW Government's infopage on Covid-19** 

**List of Covid-19 Clinics Across NSW** 

**NSW Department of Education - Information on Covid-19** 

#### Covid-19 Information Line

If you require medical assistance call ahead to your GP or emergency department, or call Healthdirect on 1800 022 222. In case of an emergency, call 000.

The NSW Helpline on 13 77 88 is available to assist you with any questions you may have relating to COVID-19. You can also contact me on 9326 1856 or by email on <a href="mailto:vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au">vaucluse@parliament.nsw.gov.au</a> if you need help. Printed copies of the e-newsletters are available for collection at my electorate office located at 330 New South Head Road, Double Bay.

Kind regards

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