

#BETTER TOGETHER



Bellingen Shire Council is committed to doing everything in its power to reduce the spread of the Covid-19 in our community and is taking the new recommendations and restrictions from health authorities very seriously.

As a community we have already shown that when it comes to responding to the challenges Covid-19 brings, we are both resilient and connected so let's keep that momentum going as we continue to face restrictions and new ways of working as a community.

We would especially like to remind everyone that masks are currently required when indoors in non-residential premises including our shops and workplaces and that Council along with most of our businesses require us to check-in now with a QR code or the owners face hefty fines.

We know these sorts of restrictions can be difficult on us, and especially our business community so let's make sure we do our bit and make it easy for us all.

Council are currently working with our local medical specialists to do what we can to lessen the load. In fact, we have sourced a significant number of masks for those of us who have trouble getting them, or simply forget and these are available

in key community locations, including our libraries.

Of course many of the restrictions are far more detailed than this, so please make sure you check the NSW Government COVID website directly.

By being #bettertogether we can continue to stay safe, support those that need it most and ensure that up to date information is shared quickly.

Council continues to work with the Bellingen Shire Pandemic Response Group and wants to remind the community that the bellingenshireconnects.com.au website will be maintained to inform and support our community and help coordinate pandemic response activities across a broad spread of local community and action groups.

The Neighbourhood Care Network has just reactivated across the Bellingen Shire and surrounding areas with focus on

- Sending reliable and timely information about local emergencies and the COVID pandemic to its members, usually through SMS.
- Supporting new and existing local neighbourhood groups to make sure that everyone is in touch and can help each other when needed.
- Linking local groups that want to do more, to each other and to resources.

With the COVID virus on the move again and the bushfire season just around the corner it's a good time to register with the NCN.

To find out more go to www.neighbourhoodcarenetwork.org.au, call 6655 1121 or email team@ncaren.org.au

BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL IS COMMITTED TO 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2030

Over 70% of Council's carbon emissions come from electricity use, so we are accelerating our transition to solar generation. Council currently has 230kW capacity across 15 sites. By the end of the year this will have increased to over 300kW when solar is added to our Water and Wastewater Treatment Sites and the array at the Administration Centre in Bellingen is expanded.

The community is doing well too! 38.7% of dwellings have solar, amounting to 2453 installations.

If you would like independent and free information about solar installation, and the current rebates available, visit the Australian Energy Foundation at aef.com.au or call 1300 23 68 55.



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and find out about the biosecurity duties for weeds in your area.

Report new weeds to:
council@bellingen.nsw.gov.au

BELLINGEN SHIRE COUNCIL IS DELIVERING A NEW WEBSITE

Bellingen Shire Council has launched the first phase of a new website, making it easier for residents to keep up to date with Council news and find information. This means some content and services will remain in the old format for the time being, however, the homepage and a large portion of the site will have a new look and feel.

Residents can provide their feedback on the new website via an online form at the bottom of each new page.



INTRODUCING THE ONLINE PLANNING PORTAL

All homeowners in the Bellingen Shire are now required to lodge their Development Applications via the NSW Planning Portal.

Importantly, applications will no longer be accepted in any other method than through the NSW Planning Portal from 1 July 2021. For more information visit Council's website.

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WE HAVE A COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN AND ARE COMMITTED TO KEEPING YOU SAFE



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RECORD KEEPING



WELLBEING OF STAFF & CUSTOMERS

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES



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