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Village Voice



Cooinda

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Influenza Vaccinations

At present we have restrictions on visiting and the Federal Government have now mandated that anyone visiting an aged care facility must have received an Influenza Vaccination.

This means you must provide us with written evidence from your chemist or medical provider (only) that you have received a Flu Vaccination in the last four months prior to entry to our designated in-person visit areas. We will record this on our Flu Vaccination Register for future reference.

If you have a diagnosed medical reason as to why you cannot receive an Influenza Vaccination, you must bring a written letter from your medical provider confirming your exemption.

Dear Residents,

It comes with a heavy heart that I write to you again reporting on the impact that Coronavirus is having on us all. From the outset we have adopted a precautionary position to ensure that we take the strongest measures available to guarantee that your safety and that of others is maintained. As the state of Victoria and country have relaxed restrictions across different areas we have remained vigilant knowing well that a second wave may occur.

Over the last week we have seen the origins of this occur with an increase in cases now at its highest in months. mainly from clusters down in metro areas. With the risk of coronavirus ever prevalent and without a vaccine in sight we are faced with an on-going challenge of staying safe.

We fully understand the risk posed by coronavirus and the immediate and devastating impact it can have on the health of our older generations. Furthermore we appreciate the impact the relevant safety measures can have hence why we have taken such an active concern in the wellbeing and mental health of all involved.

As we travel this journey together it is important to ensure that we look after ourselves and each other. One area that we should never forget is how we treat each other and it should start with a foundation of respect. We are all growing tired and wary of the impact it is having on us to lead a normal life.

The staff at Coinda are doing a fantastic job under very difficult circumstances which extend beyond their working lives. On a daily basis they are also dealing with these changes in the home and personal lives. The staff at Coinda should not bear the brunt of our frustrations. They should be congratulated for the great work that they have done and will continue to do.

Looking forward I do not foresee any major changes in terms of the relaxation of restrictions on the horizon. Presently Victoria remains in a state of emergency as directed by the Minister for Health Jenny Mikakos. What will also not change is the commitment and hard work of the staff during this time to you all.

If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Alex McKenna

Chief Executive Officer

ILU's

We have had several more ILU's change over in recent times, please make our new village residents feel welcome.

National Broadband Network (NBN)

Important Update:

We have been advised that the changeover date for NBN has been extended to **mid October 2020**, after which time anyone that wishes to have a landline or hard wired internet connection **must** migrate to the NBN.

Village residents are under no obligation to change their telephone landline service to the new NBN until then. Unfortunately this does not stop companies hounding people to swap over. If anyone is experiencing persistent phone calls please just hang up. We have had several cases of residents agreeing verbally to a contract after being harassed without knowing what was happening.

For those ILU residents that have chosen to migrate to the NBN before the cut-off date, we will need to test that your nurse call is connected correctly so please notify reception. Those on NBN must also be aware that your nurse call will not function during a power outage and you will need to call 000 by mobile phone in an emergency if this is the case.

For those residents new to Coinda there is no choice but to have an NBN connection and this will have been discussed prior.

Coinda Board have approved the installation of a wireless nurse call system to service the ILU's that is independent of the telephone network. We anticipate work will commence on this soon, with it being commissioned well before the NBN changeover date above. After the new nurse call is functioning we will then be advising residents that it is time to change to NBN.

Waste Disposal and Recycling

Remember the weekly bin collection is for basic household waste only. If anyone has bulky waste or unwanted items these should be put out for our regular hard waste collection days and NOT left in the rubbish bin corrals please. The next scheduled hard waste collection is **Wednesday 5th August 2020**.

Power Outage

AusNet Services have advised of yet another interruption to supply, this time on **Thursday 9th July**. We will be running the generator from approximately 8.30am – 12.30 pm on this day.

Central Avenue Trekkers Rest

The gravel extension to Central Avenue through Trekkers Rest to Kilfeera Road is planned to be sealed in the coming months. During the works this section of road will be closed for about one week. Once we have a firm date we will let everyone know.

Landscaping

Our gardening team will be undertaking some uplift to the elevated area East of the HUB, and the far Western end of Harry Williams Drive this season in line with the Landscape Master Plan, I will be visiting residents adjacent to these areas in the very near future to discuss.

Heating & Cooling

If any residents would like assistance in managing the settings of their heating and cooling throughout the day and night please feel free to contact the maintenance team and they can assist you. It is important that no matter what time of year that you have the appropriate heating and cooling settings.

Kind Regards,

David Morrow

Executive Manager - Building & Environment