



COVID-19 update

The health and safety of staff and clients is our top priority

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Cairns and Yarrabah in lockdown from 4pm today

Due to an infectious case in the community, this morning the Queensland Premier advised that [Cairns and Yarrabah would enter a lockdown from 4pm today](#) until 4pm Wednesday 11 August.

Staff in our Cairns office must work from home over the next three days. I encourage Cairns colleagues to please stay home unless absolutely necessary, and [get tested](#) **if you have any symptoms at all**.

Cairns staff can contact Louise Denoon or the [People and Culture](#) team with any questions or concerns.

South-East Queensland lockdown lifting

This morning the Queensland Premier advised that the [South-East Queensland lockdown would lift from 4pm today](#) as planned.

State Library and Anzac Square Memorial Galleries will reopen tomorrow (Monday 9 August). The Library Café Pop-Up will be open by 8am tomorrow serving coffee and snacks only, returning to its usual range later in the week.

Given the Delta variant is highly contagious, ongoing restrictions will remain in South-East Queensland **until 4pm Sunday 22 August** as per the [updated roadmap](#). We must also remain vigilant with physical distancing and hygiene.

Face masks

Face masks **must cover your nose and mouth and be worn at all times:**

- **Outdoors** (including public transport and rideshare) unless alone or with members of your household; eating or drinking; doing strenuous exercise or if it is unsafe.
- **Indoors** (**including workplaces, even where physical distancing is possible**) unless it is unsafe or you are working alone in a closed office.

If you have sought an [exemption from Queensland Health for wearing a mask](#), you cannot come to the workplace whilst face masks are mandated. You may be required to provide a copy of the exemption to your People Leader. Please discuss your working from home arrangements with your People Leader. If you have any questions on this matter, please contact [People and Culture](#).

Capacity limits

Indoor spaces are restricted to one person per 4m² and outdoor spaces are restricted to one person per 2m². Check the [State Library capacity tables](#) for the limits in our public spaces.

Ticketed events with allocated seating may proceed at 50% capacity.

Reconsider travel to regional Queensland

To reduce the risk of virus spreading, the Premier encouraged South-East Queensland residents to postpone travel to regional Queensland over the next fortnight unless it is essential. Based on this advice, **my expectation is that all regional travel will be deferred**. If you have any work travel planned, please talk with your People Leader.

Eating and drinking

Guests must be seated to eat and drink at The Library Café Pop-Up, or for any events between now and Sunday 22 August.

Returning to the workplace

With the lockdown lifting, Brisbane-based staff **can return to the workplace from Monday 9 August**. Our casual staff will return as per the advised roster.

We continue to provide flexible working arrangements. For some teams, staff may need to return to the workplace for service delivery or to do their work. For other teams, staff may be able to continue working from home over the next fortnight while heightened restrictions remain.

Please talk to your People Leader to confirm your work arrangements for the next fortnight. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

The Cultural Centre organisations will be **reinstating Sine Pro sign ins for staff**. This is **in addition to using the Check In Qld app**. This decision was made for the safety of staff, based on learnings after GOMA was listed as an exposure site.

This means that when you arrive to the workplace, you must sign in as follows:

- State Library South Bank (including The Edge, The Library Café Pop-Up and Library Shop) and Anzac Square Memorial Galleries: sign in with Sine Pro and the Check In Qld app.
- Cannon Hill and Cairns offices: sign in with Sine Pro.

Please sign in with Sine Pro each time you re-enter the building. Be assured this data is not used to monitor staff — it will be used in the event we are listed as an exposure site to help us work with Queensland Health to identify affected colleagues.

If you need help using Sine Pro, check this [how-to guide](#) and [FAQs](#). An iPad will be available at all sites for staff sign-ins, otherwise you can download the Sine Pro app to your phone.

People Leaders: please check in with your team members each morning to remind everyone on site to sign in.

Lockdown learnings

This last week has been a good reminder for us all that lockdowns can happen very quickly and without warning. It is likely that lockdowns will continue to be part of our reality for the rest of the year, so please consider what habits you can build into each day so you are prepared (for example, taking your work laptop home every night).

Have a chat in your teams to plan how you can be ready to adapt, if required.

Health advice

Please continue to **check the [active contact tracing alerts](#) every day** and follow Queensland Health advice if you were in the any of the locations at the relevant times. The Chief Health Officer has urged people to continue [getting tested](#) if they have any symptoms.

Some of our colleagues are still under Queensland Health advice to quarantine at home. Thank you for doing the right thing to keep the community safe! Don't forget support is available through [Benestar EAS](#) and the [Peer Support Network](#) if you need it.

Thank you,
Vicki