



Sarah Connolly MP's eNewsletter



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COVID-19 Update

I am extremely proud of the way we have just gotten on with the task of driving the virus out of our community. It has not been without sacrifice and hardship. We have faced many challenges along the way.

At the peak of this pandemic, Wyndham had 942 active cases, making us the hotspot of this second wave. This week we celebrated Zero cases in Wyndham.

Daily updates on coronavirus are posted on my Facebook page which can be found [here](#).

Third Step - Roadmap to Recovery

From 11:59PM Sunday 8 November

Metropolitan Melbourne has taken the third step on our roadmap to a COVID-normal setting.

Key changes to the roadmap include:

- ✓ 25 km travel limit gone. Hard border between metro Melbourne and Regional Victoria gone.
- ✓ Hospitality venues can increase to 40 people indoors and 70 people outdoors.
- ✓ Gyms and indoor sport facilities open for 20 people indoors.
- ✓ Indoor religious ceremonies increase to 20 indoors and 50 outdoors.
- ✓ Community spaces and neighbourhood houses can have up to 20 people inside, with groups of up to 10.
- ✓ Cinemas and galleries will reopen, with up to 20 people per space.



To view the full list of changes to restrictions under the third step, see [here](#).

From 11:59pm Sunday 22 November

Changes will include:

- ✓ Private gatherings will increase to 10 people.
- ✓ Religious gatherings and gatherings for weddings and funerals will increase.
- ✓ Hospitality venues will be able to have up to 100 people indoors and 200 outdoors.
- ✓ There will also be increases in numbers allowed indoors at venues like cinemas, gyms and galleries.

Sign Up - Working for Victoria Fund



If you're looking for work or have lost your job - sign up for Working for Victoria.

Our program matches Victorians with local employment and training opportunities.

Find out more and apply [here](#).

Werribee Open Range Zoo - Upgrade

As part of our Government's 2020/21 Budget, \$84 million has been allocated to redevelop Werribee Open Range Zoo, transforming it into Australia's leading open range zoo.

This includes building a new home for the city's much-loved Asian elephant herd, currently housed at Melbourne Zoo.

Great news for families as we will also extend our "Kids Free" Policy until June 2021. That means free admission for young Victorians aged under 16 years on weekends, public holidays and during school holidays.

More information can be found [here](#).



Tarneit Station Parking - Update

Site investigations are underway at Tarneit Station, as part of the Car Parks for Commuters program to deliver 500 additional parking spaces.

Investigations were temporarily paused due to coronavirus restrictions, however, expect to see crews back onsite as we get back to business.

Once open, the new car parks will include improved lighting and CCTV for safety and more bike parking facilities.

Sign up for my regular Tarneit Station updates [here](#).



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Business Alerts: Sign Up

The pandemic has had severe impacts on our State's economy, and it's more important than ever that local businesses are informed about what support is available to them.

I have started up a Local Business Alert for businesses to subscribe to for emails with the latest information on Government assistance, new grants, support programs and changes relating to the coronavirus pandemic.

If you are running a local business and would like to subscribe, please sign up by emailing me your business name, industry type and contact details to Sarah.Connolly@parliament.vic.gov.au

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School Readiness Funding - 2021



School Readiness Funding is coming to Tarneit next year - supporting children to make the best start in life.

Providers can tap into the expertise of speech and occupational therapists, language and literacy professionals and child psychologists to improve outcomes.

Locally, this includes Tarneit early learning centre's sharing in \$113,500 to support children's learning and development during Term 4, and over \$798,000 to be provided in 2021.

to help over 1,700 services support children starting school in 2021

Tutoring in 2021: Pre-Register

Victorian schools are recruiting more than 4100 tutors to support students in catching up with any learning they may have missed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

If you are a pre-service teacher, a teacher on leave, a teacher working part-time who is looking for more hours, a recently retired teacher or a casual relief teacher – sign up!

This is part of the largest initiative in the state's history to provide students with extra individual support, with \$250 million being invested in this initiative.

Find out more [here](#).



Become a tutor in 2021

Register at education.vic.gov.au

Victorian Youth Strategy: Have your say

Young people and organisations across the State are being invited to have their say on a new youth strategy for Victoria.

The strategy will seek to provide all young people with equitable access to opportunities and support to participate in the social, economic and civic life of our State.

Over the next two months, our Government is hosting a public conversation about how we can make Victoria the best place for young people to live, work and thrive.

Have your say by completing a short online survey - [Click Here](#)

Or register for a youth community forum near you: - [Click Here](#)



Coronavirus Resources

NEW - Extreme Hardship Support Program

This program provides support to people living in Victoria who are experiencing significant hardship are unable to access Commonwealth Government income support and the International Student Emergency Relief Fund (ISERF).

The program is targeted to support the most vulnerable in our community – including temporary and provisional visa holders and undocumented migrants with little or no income, savings or community support. See [here](#).

Translated COVID-19 Resources

Essential COVID-19 information is available in over 50 languages.

Please access the resources [here](#).

Domestic Violence Support

You are **always** allowed to leave your home if you are escaping family violence, no matter where you live in Victoria or what coronavirus restrictions are in place.

Call safe steps on 1800 015 188, email safesteps@safesteps.org.au or visit safesteps.org.au for help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you are in immediate danger – call 000.

Rental Relief - Residential & Commercial

We have introduced a fair system to support tenants and landlords during the pandemic.

This includes a \$80 million fund whereby tenants can receive financial assistance in paying their rent after they go through a mediation process with their landlord.

There are several more programs funded under the Rental Relief Package.

Residential information [here](#).

Commercial information [here](#).



Every Friday

Coffee Catch-Up with Connolly

via ZOOM



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