

COVID-19 INFORMATION, RESOURCES & SUPPORT

INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving, unprecedented situation. To keep you up-to-date, Museums & Galleries Queensland has prepared the following resources to support our sector through this challenging time.

Above all, we encourage you to take care of yourselves and those around you by observing social distancing, staying informed and adhering to the recommended health and safety measures.

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INFORMATION

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Up-to-date information, advice and resources from the Federal Government can be accessed from:

Federal Government website
www.australia.gov.au

Federal Government's Coronavirus Australia app available at:
the App Store
(www.apps.apple.com/au/story/id1504899584)

Google Play
(www.play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.gov.health.covid19)

Federal Government's WhatsApp channel
(<https://api.whatsapp.com/send?phone=61400253787&text=To%20learn%20more%20about%20COVID-19%20in%20Australia%2c%20press%20the%20send%20button%20%E2%86%92&source=&data=>)

Office of the Arts website
<https://www.arts.gov.au/covid-19-update>

Australia Council for the Arts website
<https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/about/covid-19/>

Department of Health website
<https://www.health.gov.au/>

The Treasury – Economic Response to Coronavirus – JobKeeper payment
<https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus/jobkeeper>

NDIS
<https://www.ndis.gov.au/coronavirus>
(information is available in audio and Auslan formats)

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

Up-to-date information, advice and resources from the Queensland Government can be accessed from:

Queensland Business – Essential Information (updated regularly)
<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/>

COVID-19 workplace risk management
<https://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/news/2020/coronavirus-covid-19-workplace-risk-management>

Queensland Health – COVID-19
<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19>

First Nations People – Information and resources
<https://www.qld.gov.au/health/conditions/health-alerts/coronavirus-covid-19/information-for/first-nations>

OTHER

Blue Shield Australia

Access the practical guide prepared by Blue Shield Australia and Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Material (AICCM) for people who are responsible for closing collections of movable cultural heritage in collecting organisations such as archives, galleries, herbaria, historical societies, libraries and museums and at heritage sites.

<https://blueshieldaustralia.org.au/news/closed-by-covid-19-checklist-for-glams-and-historical-and-heritage-sites/>

Arts Law Centre of Australia

<https://www.artslaw.com.au/information-sheet/covid-19-faqs-for-artists/>

National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (updated regularly)

<https://www.naccho.org.au/home/aboriginal-health-alerts-coronavirus-covid-19/>

Volunteering Australia

<https://www.volunteeringaustralia.org/coronavirus/#/>

Justice Connect

Response to COVID-19 Briefing Note, Guidance for the not-for-profit-sector, March 2020

https://www.nfplaw.org.au/sites/default/files/media/Justice_Connect_-_Response_to_COVID-19_briefing_note.pdf

SUPPORT

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ASSISTANCE

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE

For details of the Federal Government's Economic Response to Coronavirus see <https://treasury.gov.au/coronavirus>

AUSTRALIA COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS GRANTS

The Australia Council has announced that applications to its new [Resilience Fund](#) are now open. The 2020 Resilience Fund includes three streams:

[Survive](#)

Small grants for individuals, groups and organisations to offset or recoup financial losses due to cancelled activity.

[Adapt](#)

Grants for individuals, groups and organisations to adapt their practice and explore new operating models.

[Create](#)

Grants for individuals, groups and organisations to continue to create artistic work and develop creative responses in a time of disruption.

QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

ARTS QUEENSLAND

To help mitigate the impact of COVID-19, Arts Queensland is implementing a number of measures to support the arts sector. This includes funding boosts, funding extensions, changes to funding application timeframes, and rent relief for tenants based in Queensland Government arts infrastructure.

<https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/about-us/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-covid-19/arts-queensland-funding-covid>

BUSINESS QUEENSLAND

Search Business Queensland's 'assistance finder' to see what support your organisation may be eligible to receive to mitigate the impact of COVID-19.

<https://www.business.qld.gov.au/covid-assistance>

**STAYING
CONNECTED**

With our museums and galleries closed to the public and many of us working from home, it is more important than ever that we stay connected. Below are some of the many ways we can, as a sector, share our stories, ideas and lessen the isolation.

#MuseumFromHome and **#MuseumsFromHome** bring together galleries and museums from across the world to share and connect.

Little Lunch Online (LLOL) is a quick 30-minute chance to check in, share ideas and connect with each other while grabbing a quick bite of lunch.
<https://artsfront.com/event/37103-little-lunch-online-llol>

First Nations Roundtables are an ongoing series of updates and discussions facilitated by the Australia Council for the Arts around the impacts of COVID-19 and First Nations artists and arts organisations.
<https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-arts/first-nations-roundtables/>

Australian Arts amidst COVID-19 is a place for Australian arts to ask questions and share ideas about how to work with COVID-19.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/867638387034820/>

Australia Council for the Arts is delivering a series of online webinars, titled *Creative Connections*, offering practical, accessible and useful content delivered by industry experts on key topics and emerging themes. The webinars are Auslan interpreted and live-captioned, and will be published on the Australia Council for the Arts' website following the 'live' Zoom presentation.

<https://www.australiacouncil.gov.au/programs-and-resources/creative-connections/>

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WELLBEING

Maintaining good health and wellbeing during COVID-19 is important not only for yourselves, but for those around you.

Headspace

<https://headspace.org.au/covid-19/>

Head to Health

<https://headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19>

Life Line

<https://www.lifeline.org.au/get-help/topics/mental-health-and-wellbeing-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Beyond Blue

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/the-facts/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

Kids Helpline

<https://kidshelpline.com.au/>

Department of Health

COVID-19 National Health Plan

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/covid-19-national-health-plan-supporting-the-mental-health-of-australians-through-the-coronavirus-pandemic>

DISCLAIMER



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