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Cloncurry offers rates concessions to 'non-essential businesses' affected by COVID-19

Cloncurry Shire Council continues to roll out advice and support for the community during the ever-changing Covid-19 pandemic. 'Non-essential businesses' in the Shire impacted by the Covid-19 restrictions can apply for a deferment of their rates until August 31, 2020. Applications are through a simple one-page form available on Council's website - <https://www.cloncurry.qld.gov.au/covid-19>

Council has established a dedicated COVID-19 operations room to collate and assess all information, implement appropriate actions and publish weekly situation reports. For any staff, visitors or contractors directly connected to Council, a mandatory self-declaration form has been developed for anyone who has recently travelled out of the region. In an unprecedented time, Council has moved quickly to develop strategies and policies to help protect their workforce and set a good example to the community. These include:

- Social Distancing Strategy
- Working from home guideline
- Updated cleaning standards and quality checks at Cloncurry Airport
- Most at risk employees form
- Self-Screening Declaration form

In line with new government regulations, Council this week closed Mary Kathleen Park, Chinaman Creek Dam, Skate Park (King Street) and the Racecourse playground. Cloncurry Mayor Greg Campbell said, "We are very much in the response stage of this pandemic and public health remains our main priority. Our local businesses are essential to the town which is why we've moved to introduce this rates concession. We will continue to support the directives of the State and Federal Governments and welcome the flow of financial assistance to businesses and individuals. We will keep updating regularly on the changes locally. We will get through this together."

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