

A message from Mark Coure MP, Member for Oatley

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MEMBER FOR OATLEY

## Current Restrictions Georges River LGA

With case numbers remaining high across Greater Sydney, **it is still so important that anyone with even the most mild of symptoms comes forward for testing.** To find your nearest testing facility, click [here](#).

**I am also calling on all residents of the St George community to take the time to speak to their GP about getting vaccinated,** to help keep themselves and our community safe.

**High rates of testing, an increase in vaccinations and a decline in the number of locally acquired cases will be our ticket back to normality.**

If you live in the Georges River Local Government Area, **a reasonable excuse to leave home is to:**

## Interim Heritage Order at Glenlee

After extensive campaigning and consistent contact with Georges River Council, I am pleased to announce that an Interim Heritage Order has now been placed on the Glenlee Property at Lugarno for a period of 12 months.

This will allow for further investigation into the historical and Indigenous significance of this space and this is a fantastic result for our community.

I want to thank the more than 1300 local residents who have signed my petition and highlighted the importance of this process to Georges River Council and all levels of Government.

- Obtain food or other goods and services
  - **within 5km of your home** (follow the [rules for shopping](#))
  - **for the personal needs of the household** or for other household purposes ([including pets](#))
  - **for vulnerable people**
  - **only one person per household may leave the home to obtain food or other goods and services each day** (you may take a dependent person with you if that person cannot be left at home on their own).
- Leave home to go to work if you
  - **cannot reasonably work from home** and your workplace is in the same LGA
  - **are an authorised worker** and you need to travel outside the LGA to go to work
- leave home for education if it is not possible to do it at home.
- **people who live alone must now register their "singles bubble" person** and registration will be made available shortly via this [link](#)
- **only exercise and supervision of children will be allowed (no outdoor recreation) and must be within 5 km of your home and in the LGA.**
- go out for medical or caring reasons, including obtaining a COVID-19 vaccination.

There is still more work to be done and I remain in consistent contact with relevant NSW Government Ministers, Member for Banks David Coleman MP and Georges River Council, to investigate potential avenues to preserve this space for future generations.

Together, I hope that we can transform this precinct into an intergenerational community hub that can be enjoyed for many years to come.

To sign my petition, please scan the below QR Code!



## Mental Health Support

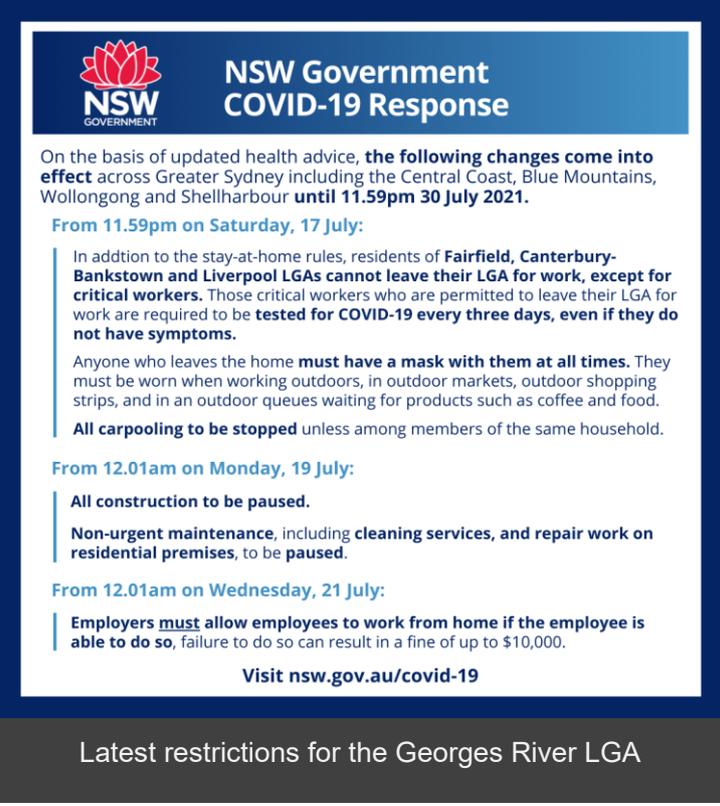
I understand that this lockdown period has been difficult for many local residents and their families.

The Commonwealth and

See the list of [other reasonable excuses](#).

Increased fines for breaching these restrictions are also now in place and this includes **\$5000 on the sport fines for breaching self-isolation requirements and \$3000 on the spot fines for breaching the two person outdoor exercise rule.**

For all other restrictions, please click [here](#).



The graphic features the NSW Government logo (a red lotus flower) and the text 'NSW GOVERNMENT' in a blue box. To the right, it says 'NSW Government COVID-19 Response'. Below this, it states: 'On the basis of updated health advice, the following changes come into effect across Greater Sydney including the Central Coast, Blue Mountains, Wollongong and Shellharbour until 11.59pm 30 July 2021.' It then lists three sets of updates: 1) 'From 11.59pm on Saturday, 17 July: In addition to the stay-at-home rules, residents of Fairfield, Canterbury-Bankstown and Liverpool LGAs cannot leave their LGA for work, except for critical workers. Those critical workers who are permitted to leave their LGA for work are required to be tested for COVID-19 every three days, even if they do not have symptoms. Anyone who leaves the home must have a mask with them at all times. They must be worn when working outdoors, in outdoor markets, outdoor shopping strips, and in an outdoor queues waiting for products such as coffee and food. All carpooling to be stopped unless among members of the same household.' 2) 'From 12.01am on Monday, 19 July: All construction to be paused. Non-urgent maintenance, including cleaning services, and repair work on residential premises, to be paused.' 3) 'From 12.01am on Wednesday, 21 July: Employers must allow employees to work from home if the employee is able to do so, failure to do so can result in a fine of up to \$10,000.' At the bottom, it says 'Visit nsw.gov.au/covid-19'. The entire graphic is set against a dark blue background with a white border.

Latest restrictions for the Georges River LGA

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**Supporting Small Businesses,  
Saving Local Jobs and  
Delivering for Our Community**

NSW Governments have partnered to provide a joint mental health package worth \$17.35 million.

This includes funding for 24 hour support services including Lifeline, Headspace and Sonder so that everyone is able to access appropriate support services when they need it most.

[Mental Health support options](#)

## St George Athletes ready for Tokyo 2020 Paralympics

I would like to congratulate local Peakhurst residents, John McPhail and Michael Auprince, who will be competing in the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics in wheelchair basketball.

This is an incredible achievement. Our entire community is behind John and Michael and we wish them all the best for their first match which starts at 3:45 pm AEST on Thursday August 26.

For John, this is a dream come true having played

**Small and family businesses are the engine room of our local economy** and I want to thank all of them for **supporting workers, families and the community** during this difficult period.

The NSW Government understands the importance of these businesses and has been **supporting them every step of the way** throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recently, the Premier, Treasurer and Prime Minister announced a **comprehensive economic support package to provide relief for small businesses currently impacted by the COVID-19 restrictions.**

**Key components** of this COVID-19 support package include:

- An **extension of the Business Grants program**, meaning eligible businesses with wages below \$10 million can claim between \$7,500 and \$15,000 to cover the first three weeks of restrictions.
- **JobSaver payments** to help maintain employee headcount and provide cash flow support to businesses for costs incurred from week 4 of restrictions (18 July 2021 onwards). This will provide employing businesses with funding for 40% of their payroll expenses and non-employing businesses with \$1,000 per week.
- **COVID-19 Disaster Payments** to provide those who have lost more than 20 hours of

wheelchair basketball since 2004, in a sporting career which has taken him around the globe.

This will be Michael's second Paralympics after winning both a gold and bronze medal in swimming in the London 2012 Paralympics.

To view my article in The Leader, please click below

[St George athletes take on Tokyo Paralympics](#)

## Thank you Georges River

I would like to thank you for complying with all current restrictions and public health orders.

Seeing our local area band together and do the right thing makes me immensely proud to be a member of our community.

It is so important that we all continue to follow the public health orders to keep ourselves and our community safe.

Please click the button below for regular updates on case locations, local

work each week with \$750 per week and \$450 per week for those who have lost between 8 and 20 hours of work each week.

- **COVID-19 Test and Isolate Support Payments** for those in the Georges River LGA who have symptoms, get tested and isolate until a negative result is received. These individuals may be eligible for one \$320 payment in a four week period for lost wages.
- **Payroll tax waivers** of 25% for businesses with Australian wages of between \$1.2 million and \$10 million that have experienced a 30% decline in turnover, as well as payroll tax deferrals and interest free repayment plans.
- A **new grants program for micro businesses** with a turnover of between \$30,000 and \$75,000 which experience a decline in turnover of 30% or more. These businesses are eligible for a \$1,500 payment per fortnight of restrictions.
- **Land tax relief** applications are now open for eligible commercial and residential landowners who provide rental reductions to tenants in financial distress due to COVID-19. Residential landlords can choose between applying for land tax relief of up to 100% of their 2021 land tax liability or a payment of up to \$1,500 per tenancy.
- A \$75 million **support package for the performing arts sector** to be administered by Create NSW.

testing facilities and alerts.

I would also encourage you to follow my Facebook page in order to receive local updates.

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[Local testing facilities](#)

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- A **support package for the accommodation sector** worth \$26 million.

The comprehensive package will **protect businesses, save jobs through the lockdown and ensure people are supported** during this uncertain and difficult time.

For **more information** regarding support options available to small businesses in NSW, please click [here](#).

Should you require extra support, I encourage you to engage with the **Business Connect Program** via [this link](#), or **Service NSW's Business Services** via [this link](#).

For **more information** regarding support options for individuals in NSW, please click [here](#).



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# Increased Pfizer vaccinations for Georges River residents

To limit the spread of COVID-19 across the Greater Sydney region, **those aged 16-39 who live in the Georges River Local Government Area have been given priority access to the Pfizer vaccine from today** (Thursday 19 August).

Our local vaccination clinics have ramped up their capacity to deliver **an additional 530,000 doses** provided by the Commonwealth Government. **This means that we can offer a Pfizer vaccine to all individuals aged between 16 and 39 years of age in the Georges River LGA.**

Increasing the number of people who are vaccinated, even with their first dose, will help protect individuals and the community from serious illness and reduce the spread of COVID-19 across the State.

**To book an appointment now, please click [here](#).**

Local vaccination providers operating as part of this program include:

- Sonic Healthcare Vaccination Clinic, Hurstville, Hurstville Aquatic Centre
- Bayside Vaccination Clinic, Novotel Brighton-Le-Sands
- South Western Sydney Vaccination Centre, Glenquarie Town Centre

- NSW Health Vaccination Centre, Sydney Olympic Park.

**Eligible authorised workers from the Georges River LGA including teachers, construction workers and disability care staff, have also been given prioritised access** to vaccinations between August 16 and 22, to help protect our most at risk individuals.

**Almost half of our community has now had one dose of the vaccine and nearly 25% of those individuals are fully vaccinated.** This is an incredible result and I want to thank the entire St George community for stepping up during this difficult period.

**For further information about available vaccination clinics, initiatives and information, please click [here](#).**



Mark getting vaccinated

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## Hurstville Vaccination Hub

Georges River residents now have access to a **new walk-in AstraZeneca vaccination clinic in the Marana Auditorium at the Hurstville Entertainment Centre.**

This new walk-in clinic **will fast-track the vaccination rollout throughout the St George region by putting more jabs in arms as quickly as possible.** This is fantastic news for our community, as the NSW Government is committed to safeguarding the wellbeing of local residents through high rates of vaccination.

The AstraZeneca vaccine has now been approved by the Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation for all individuals aged over 18 years old and **I am encouraging everyone to speak to their GP about getting vaccinated.**

The clinic is now open **Monday to Friday, 10:00am to 4:00pm** at the Marana Auditorium of the Hurstville Entertainment Centre at 16 Macmahon Street, Hurstville.

**No appointment is required. For more information, please click [here](#).**

**I have also been in discussion with NSW Health and the General Manager of Mortdale RSL**

**Community Club, Tony Lycakis, about establishing a mass vaccination centre at the Club.** This space has ample parking, commuter hub access and is situated in a highly densified area, making it the perfect location for an additional mass vaccination clinic.

**I have also been in contact with NSW Health for their consideration on utilising the Riverwood Community Centre as a mass vaccination clinic,** to further increase vaccination rates across the region.

Additionally, **I am also campaigning for more pharmacies to join the vaccination rollout** program because I understand how important it is for the community to have efficient access to a vaccine provider.

**There are currently 40 local providers of the AstraZeneca vaccine** within our local community. To find your nearest provider, please click [here](#).

For more information and **to view all other vaccination options, please click [here](#).**



Hurstville Vaccination Hub

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