



Message– from Our Mayor Jason Woibo
Update to COVID Travel Restrictions
Road Access to Cairns (Mulligan Highway)

Council received information on lifting of travel restrictions late Thursday evening. The current management for access exemption passes which was managed by the Hope Vale LDMG ceased as of 12:00 AM last night. All queries and applications will be dealt with by the Chief Health Officer.

Hope Vale residents can NOW travel to the declared travel zone and return without having to quarantine or apply for exemptions. See more information here [‘Understanding this Direction’](#)

Resident of Hope Vale will have unlimited access into the area identified as the Determined Travel Zone which is to the Council regions of Cairns, Douglas, Carpentaria, Tablelands and Mareeba.

Family who live outside of Hope Vale, but within the Declared Travel Zone, and wish to visit family will be allowed to travel into community - there is a requirement for visitors to have with them a 'Remote Community Pass' – the link is here <https://www.qld.gov.au/border-pass/travelling-to-or-through-remote-communities> .

This means residents can now go shopping, do business and go to medical appointments in that travel zone. When returning, residents will need to show proof of residency (e.g. driver’s licence or other identifying documentation) at the checkpoint at Palmer River.

This is more information on the Chief Health Officer’s Direction [Direction - Restricted Access to Remote Communities](#)

Stay safe & be smart - keep our family and community free from COVID-19, keep practicing social distancing and keep washing your hands! And remember to download the COVID19 app.

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