

## Yallambee Village Update – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Residents,

While we remain free of COVID-19 at Evergreen, the number of community transmissions of COVID-19 is increasing across NSW, and exponential growth is occurring in our neighbour state Victoria. After much controversy, face masks have now been endorsed by Australian Governments. The local health district has mandated masks for staff and our clinical staff at the Lodge will be wearing masks also.

Let's get ahead of the curve!

### **Masks are in fashion:**

- From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July, residents and visitors to the Community Centre and Lodge will be required to wear a mask.
- We strongly encourage you to wear one also when you are out in public - going to the shops, appointments or visiting friends.

Masks provide an added level of protection from airborne transmission of COVID-19, but hand hygiene and social distancing remain essential!

### **We know it's a drag!**

If we could change things we would, but there's only one way and that's forward. We thought we'd have a little fun with it. We will be running a competition for the funniest, the handsomest (is that a word?) and the prettiest mask. With your permission, our intrepid photographers will be on the lookout. Elle is setting the bar pretty high for us here!

### **In praise of the humble face mask**

Much maligned  
But smartly designed  
They help keep COVID at bay.

Don't be too proud  
To put on this shroud  
When next you come out to play!



## **You can buy or make one:**

You can buy a mask from a pharmacy or other retail outlets. If you need help to purchase, we can order some online for you.

We will have a small number of surgical masks in stock for those who don't have one, but our stock is limited.

If you'd like to make a mask, it is recommended that you follow the instructions provided by Victorian Health Department. Three (3) layers of fabric are recommended.

Copies of these instructions are available at reception at Community Centre and Lodge.

## **Can you help?**

If you're a keen sewer, and would like to make masks for others, we'd love to hear from you!

## **CAFÉ Update**

The café will continue at present, with appropriate physical distancing and hygiene measures.

Two lunch sittings are offered: 11.30 and 12.30 Monday to Friday. We recommend you book ahead, but are happy to welcome walk ins if seating is available or take aways if you prefer.

We can seat 10 people inside the café, but seating is also available in the BBQ area or lounge.

Stay safe and best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Helen Wilson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Helen Wilson  
Chief Executive Officer