



CITY OF VINCENT

SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

**COVID-19 Relief and Recovery
Committee**

12 May 2020

Time: 5.00pm
**Location: E-Meeting, Streamed live via the City's
website**
<http://webcast.vincent.wa.gov.au/>

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7.4 ROADMAP TO A COVIDSAFE VINCENT

Attachments: 1. Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Vincent  

RECOMMENDATION

That the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Committee **ENDORSES** the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Vincent for inclusion in the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Strategy.

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

This report provides an update on recent announcements made by the National Cabinet and the WA Government on easing COVID-19 public health restrictions, and provides information on the Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Vincent.

BACKGROUND:

During March and April 2020, many restrictions were implemented nationally and statewide in an effort to flatten the COVID-19 pandemic curve. These measures applied to community facilities, local businesses, workplaces, homes and local governments.

It is now clear these restrictions have been effective to manage the public health impact of COVID-19. This is particularly the case in Western Australia, where community transmission has been lower than other Australian jurisdictions and no new COVID-19 cases have been reported for more than seven days running.

The National Cabinet released the 'Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Australia' on 8 May 2020 – see <https://www.pm.gov.au/sites/default/files/files/covid-safe-australia-roadmap.pdf>. The WA Government since released the 'Our way forward – Western Australia's roadmap for the easing of COVID-19 related restrictions' on 10 May 2020 – see <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/covid-19-roadmap>. A 'frequently asked questions' document has been released to assist with interpretation of the WA Roadmap.

DETAILS:

A 'Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Vincent' has been drafted, and is included as **Attachment 1**. This roadmap is based on the WA Roadmap, confirms how Phase 1 has been implemented and proposes how Phase 2 will be implemented by the City, its community and businesses. It is proposed the actions in this roadmap be incorporated into the Implementation Plan of the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Strategy.

Further information on some of the actions of the Vincent Roadmap are included below (noting this information is relevant as of 11 May 2020):

1. Our Public Health Role (Item 1 of Phase 1 and Phase 2)

Key COVID-19 public health measures will remain in place; these are to maintain 1.5 metres social distancing, practise good hygiene, stay at home when sick, download the COVIDSafe app and apply to one person for four square metre capacity rule.

A new measure has been introduced to require businesses and community venues to complete a COVID Safety Plan. Guidelines on COVID Safety Plans are to be released by the WA Government this week. A COVID Safety Plan would be a documented management system to provide assurances on social distancing, cleanliness and hygiene. When restrictions were being introduced in a staged approach, the City implemented management plans at Beatty Park and the Library, and has commenced applying the principles of COVID Safety across the actions of the Vincent Roadmap.

2. Use of parks, sporting grounds and community halls (Items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.7 of Phase 1 and 2)

The City will require third party users of facilities to abide by the public health measures. The principles of a COVID Safety Plan would apply to groups who use community halls, which could involve a cleaning checklist that is to be submitted by these groups. Demand for parks/halls will be closely monitored to ensure social distancing is implemented. The WA Government has released advice specific to different sporting codes which will be passed to local clubs.

3. Library and Local History Centre (Item 2.3 of Phase 2)

The Library will reopen on 18 May 2020 and will focus on book borrowing services with access to the Local History Centre being available by appointment only. The customer service team is currently stationed at the Library, and numbers will be closely monitored.

4. Loftus Community Centre (Item 2.4 of Phase 2)

The WA Government has permitted the reintroduction of seniors programs. These programs are vital to support social inclusion of this group. A risk assessment for reintroducing seniors programs is underway and will likely result in designated times and rooms that are exclusive to seniors to minimise exposure to other groups.

5. Beatty Park Leisure Centre (Items 2.5 and 2.6 of Phase 2)

Beatty Park will operate as two distinct facilities, separating the pool areas from fitness classes. The pool areas can have 40 patrons – 20 indoors and 20 outdoors. A separate entrance would be provided for fitness classes which can operate with 20 patrons at a time. The opening date is to be confirmed due to some logistical matters including health clearances, booking systems, membership communications and cash handling.

6. Supporting Local Businesses (Item 3.1 of Phase 1 and Items 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3 of Phase 2)

Prior to the roadmap announcements the City commenced considering how public spaces and parklets could be used as restrictions were eased. It was difficult at the time to predict how this could occur without knowing how the restrictions would be eased. It was determined it could be possible to close off spaces to traffic and permit some outdoor dining at Leederville Square for example.

The City is now engaging with businesses to enable this to occur within the boundaries of having a 20 patron limit with the four square metre capacity rule. The WA Premier indicated on 10 May 2020 that he would be writing to local governments to seek support on such initiatives and request easing of alfresco rules, which the City had already done prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Local businesses have had a challenging few months with many being substantially affected by COVID-19 trading restrictions. The City is providing a dedicated advisory service focusing on businesses that can reopen or expand operations as part of Phase 2, and then for businesses that can reopen as part of Phase 3. This will include helping businesses with their COVID Safety Plans. A training course has been developed by the Australian Hotels Association in cooperation with the WA Government. This is to be completed by all employees, and the City will work with businesses to help them complete this outcome, including culturally and linguistically diverse groups.

The City has equipment to measure floor spaces and will help businesses to quantify how many patrons they can accommodate with the four square metre rule applied. Some businesses such as pubs and clubs already have maximum accommodation numbers issued. These can be adjusted based on a simple calculation, while restaurants and cafes can request a floor area measurement. All businesses with a floor area of less than 8 square metres would have a maximum accommodation number of less than 20 patrons during phase 2.

CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Nil.

LEGAL/POLICY:

Restrictions in WA are implemented and eased by the *Emergency Management Act 2005* and *Public Health Act 2016*.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

The risk of the COVID-19 pandemic has been high to both the City and the community.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

This is in keeping with the City's *Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028*:

Innovative and Accountable

Our community is aware of what we are doing and how we are meeting our goals.

COVID-19 RELIEF AND RECOVERY STRATEGY ALIGNMENT:



SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

The development and implementation of the roadmap will be undertaken within the existing budget.

Attachment 1 – Roadmap to a COVIDSafe Vincent

This document details the City's COVID-19 roadmap on easing public health restrictions. This roadmap will be integrated into the Implementation Plan of the COVID-19 Relief and Recovery Strategy.

Phase 1 – Implemented from 27 April 2020

	Key Action	Responsible Team	Support Team
1. Our Health & Wellbeing	1.1. Advocate for COVID-19 public health systems to be developed for businesses and community groups, which can be implemented as restrictions to continue to ease.	Built Environment & Wellbeing	CEO's Office
2. Our Community	2.1. Gathering limit increase to 10 monitored in public spaces.	Ranger Services Parks	
	2.2. Permits issued for group fitness in parks.	Marketing and Partnerships	Ranger Services
	2.3. Assist swimming pool operators to reopen (strata complexes in Phase 1, others in Phase 2).	Built Environment & Wellbeing	
3. Our Businesses	3.1. Consider use of public spaces, parklets and footpaths to enable alfresco seating, to plan for easing restrictions.	Policy & Place	Built Environment & Wellbeing Engineering

Phase 2 – Implemented from 18 May 2020

	Key Action	Responsible Team	Support Team
1. Our Health & Wellbeing	1.1. Continue to promote our role to maintain social distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, stay home when sick and download the COVIDSafe app; and develop signage and tools to ensure consistent messaging across the City's facilities and parks.	Built Environment & Wellbeing Marketing	
	1.2. Provide hand hygiene stations at all City buildings.	Beatty Park Customer & Library Services	Built Environment & Wellbeing
	1.3. Support the WA Government to develop COVID Safety Plans and Guidelines.	Built Environment & Wellbeing	CEO's Office
2. Our Community	2.1. Gathering limit increase to 20 monitored in public spaces.	Ranger Services Parks	
	2.2. Bookings permitted for groups of up to 20 in parks and community halls, and weddings of up to 30 in parks.	Marketing and Partnerships	Ranger Services
	2.3. Reopen the Library and Local History Centre commencing with book borrowing services only, considering the 20 patron limit.	Customer & Library Services	
	2.4. Reopen the Loftus Community Centre, and ensure Seniors programs are reviewed to minimise infection risk.	Customer & Library Services	Built Environment & Wellbeing
	2.5. Reopen the Beatty Park swimming pools with a limit of 20 patrons per pool.	Beatty Park Leisure Centre	

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	2.6. Recommence Beatty Park fitness classes, with this area being segregated into a separate facility, with strictly no internal access to the pools.	Beatty Park Leisure Centre	
	2.7. Provide advice to sporting clubs on non-contact training.	Marketing & Partnerships	Built Environment & Wellbeing
	2.8. Commence recommissioning of drinking fountains and provide signage on healthy hygiene in proximity to the fountains.	Parks	
3. Our Businesses	3.1. Provide an advisory service to assist businesses and community facilities to develop COVID Safety Plans and complete COVID training.	Built Environment & Wellbeing	Policy & Place Marketing & Partnerships
	3.2. Support the resumption of dine-in at restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs; including providing assistance to measure floor areas to determine maximum permitted numbers based on the 4 square metre density rule.	Built Environment & Wellbeing Policy & Place	Development & Design
	3.3. Engage with food businesses and other stakeholders to consider feasibility of outdoor eating areas in public spaces in town centres, noting Phase 2 and anticipating Phase 3 restrictions.	Policy & Place	Built Environment & Wellbeing Engineering
	3.4. Encourage people to return to their usual places of work and learning and encourage patrons to return to using public transport to support their local economy within public health requirements and guidelines.	Policy & Place	
4. Our Organisation	4.1. Develop best practice for returning to office where appropriate.	Human Resources	Built Environment & Wellbeing

Phase 3 – Implemented from ~15 June 2020

Considerations for Phase 3:

- Reopening playgrounds, skate parks and outdoor gym equipment – risks will be primarily managed through hand hygiene awareness as it would be impractical to implement a sanitising program for such high use surfaces.
- Reopening of other businesses and galleries, and expansion of already opened businesses – the direction of the Vincent roadmap is dependent on the permitted gathering size and social distancing requirements.
- Expansion of the City's community services would be proposed including the gym floor being opened and sport centres/contact sports being permitted.

Phase 4 – Implemented after Phase 3

To be determined.