

MEDIA RELEASE

GAWB to close Lake Awoonga Recreational Facilities and Boynedale Bush Camp until further notice

In response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) will close all Lake Awoonga Recreational Facilities, including Boynedale Bush Camp, until further notice.

The closure will be effective from 3pm tomorrow (Thursday 26 March) and access will be restricted for all members of the public.

This action is consistent with the measures announced by the Queensland Government earlier today, whereby all campgrounds in national parks, state forests and state managed recreation and protected areas will be closed.

While GAWB maintains strict cleaning and sanitation practices at all Lake Awoonga recreational sites, nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our employees, campers and the wider community.

The closure supports social distancing and personal hygiene protocols currently recommended by the Queensland and Australian governments.

We fully recognise the impact this decision may have on the Gladstone community and visitors to the region, but strongly believe this is an important proactive measure we must now take.

GAWB appreciates the community's understanding and cooperation during this unprecedented time. We are committed to supporting our employees, customers and community throughout.

We also take this opportunity to reaffirm that there is no evidence that drinking water is affected by COVID-19 or that it is transmitted in drinking water. We are confident there will be no risk to the continued supply of high-quality water during this unprecedented time.

GAWB will continue to follow health advice from Queensland Health and directions from the Queensland and Australian Governments.

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