



COVID -19 GUIDELINES
For
Meetings
and
Excursions
7th September 2020



Introduction

This document is a Guide and covers the Society's guidelines (COVID Safe Plan) regarding leading and participating in the Society's activities* in a world impacted by COVID-19.

It is intended that this guide be read by both leaders and participants of activities.

First and foremost, members must abide by all the Federal and State COVID-19 regulations that are in place at the time they are participating in a Society activity.

Native Plants Qld COVID-19 Guidelines

1. Members must not partake in an activity if they are feeling unwell due to symptoms including fever, sore throat, cough, or if they have returned from overseas in the previous 3 weeks.
2. No more than 2 per vehicle with the second person, if not from the same household, being in the rear seat on the passenger side of the vehicle. (exceptions apply for elderly or disabled passengers)
3. Participants should use their own pen to sign on & bring hand sanitiser with them to use at sign on and to take on the activity.
4. EVENTS. When holding an event, the owner of the venue at which the event is to be held, must be contacted, to ensure they approve of the event taking place and that their criteria and regulations are upheld prior to, during, and post event.
5. Unless the start times are staggered, and there is no interaction between the group, we must be careful at the meeting point, ensuring that no more than **10** members gather in a group and that we greet each other whilst maintaining social distancing. Gatherings are allowed in a home but are limited to **10** people and must adhere to the 4 square metre rule at other venues.
Members **must register** for activities (not just turn up). Contact the Branch President or nominated activity leader prior to the day of the event. Splitting activities that are oversubscribed into two or more groups is not permitted.
6. When walking/cycling, the 4 square metre rule must apply between participants and when walking we should maintain 1.5m when approaching others from the opposite direction.
7. Morning and afternoon teas and lunches are not to be shared. Anti-bacterial wipes, sanitisers and soap must be used prior to eating (BYO), with tables and seats being wiped down. It is preferable that you bring your own chairs, to enable and ensure the 1.5m distance. People should be seated while eating.
8. Leaders must check National Park websites regarding Park closure and/or tracks and picnic areas are open. These guidelines are constantly changing.
9. Leaders should carry a copy of the Roadmap to easing Qld's restriction FACT SHEET Update. See website below.
10. Any personal fines (\$1336.00) incurred are the responsibility of the individual & not the Society, Branch or the activity leader.
11. Be mindful of the potential fine of \$13000 to NPQ if found in breach (fines can be handed out by Qld Police, QPWS staff, etc.)
12. Handling of incidents, particularly if person to person contact is required.
 - a. Leader nominates a qualified first aid responder
 - b. Mask, gloves, and apron are on hand
 - c. Other members maintain social distancing in their attempt to assist
 - d. Relevant emergency responders are known and contactable

**Activities include bushwalking excursions, seed/propagule collection, propagation meetings, Branch meetings, any other activity involving a group of people.*

Note: If using a Hall, Library or School for meetings, check if cleaning charges apply after use.



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Please refer to the website below for further information.

<https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions>