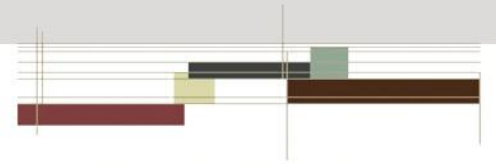


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### **Covid-19 and you!**

Life could not look more different today to what it did 2 weeks ago, and what it will look like in another two weeks. The BC committee and I would like to thank our residents for being so responsive and co-operative with the initiatives put in place to both abide by government directives and to keep ourselves safe. We do have units in the complex in quarantine, and also in isolation, but the majority of our residents are in voluntary self-isolation. Many of our residents are over 70 and now directed to self-isolate. They are very vulnerable. The elderly population in our complex are our friends and neighbours. Those of us under 70 need to be aware of their vulnerability and conscious of actions taken that may threaten their personal safety.

Over the weekend, I received many afterhours calls about parties going on in the complex. Whilst last weekend groups of up to 10 were permissible, and no one was breaking the law, we have to keep in mind that inviting non-residents into our homes, brings with it the threat of contamination of our common areas, intercom systems, door handles, lift buttons etc all touched by an outside group, where their exposure to the virus is unknown, bringing potential exposure to our more vulnerable. The virus can survive on steel surfaces for 3 days. We are cleaning every 12 hours, but the last clean is at 6pm each day.

This weekend, you can have no more than 2 people together in a public space unless they are from the same household. No more invited guests into your home.

The Committee asks that you respect the social isolating directions. Party online not in person. Find another way of entertaining yourselves that does not involving compromising the health and safety or our fellow residents. To the smokers in the complex, please be aware of your impact on others.

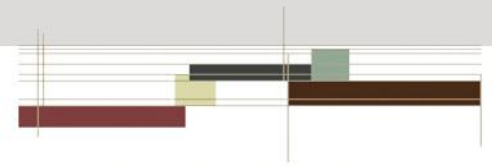
The committee also reminds you that the common areas, gym, sauna, BBQ area and pools are closed by government directive. It is not in our power to come up with ways around the system that give you access to the pool or the exercise bike. We ask that you respect that these decisions are made for the common good and that rules may not be bent and may be in force for up to 6 months.

### **SICK OF YOUR OWN COOKING ALREADY**

Rogue and Drum are offering take away menus for local residents. You can call through your order and drive by to collect. Restaurant staff will run your order out to the car for you. Check them both out on line. Another great solution to sourcing your ingredients is Hello Fresh. Meals on Wheels are also in full swing at the moment.

### **1<sup>st</sup> April SMOKE ALARM AWARENESS DAY**

All our tenants are off the hook on this one because they have smoke alarms managed by Smoke Alarms Australia, but owner occupiers are reminded to dust off their smoke alarms and change the batteries on 1<sup>st</sup> April.



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### **ELECTRICAL SAFETY IN STRATA HOMES**

By [Strata Compliance Solutions](#) on January 24th, 2020 in [News](#)

Did you know that property owners and managers have a legal duty under the [QLD Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#) to eliminate or manage electrical safety hazards for your tenants so far as [reasonably practicable](#)? This means you may be held negligent and even liable should an electrical incident or injury occur and it can be proven you were attributable.

The [QLD Electrical Safety Office](#) recognises this obligation can be a daunting prospect for property owners and as such have recently released a new Guide about electrical safety for both owners and tenants to assist both parties in meeting their legal duties.

Developed in consultation with [Tenants Queensland](#), the first version for tenants is a relatively simple Guide and is aptly titled [Electrical Safety in Rental Properties – Tenants Guide](#) offering valuable advice regarding key electrical safety risks including education about:

- Safety switches and smoke alarms, including where to find electrical switchboards, how to test whether safety switches and batteries are working properly and how often they should be tested.
- Electrical 'Do It Yourself' taboos, including what you can and should not do yourself, and what to do about electrical issues that you should not attempt to fix yourself.
- Roof spaces, including what electrical safety hazards can be found in roof spaces, and what to do before doing anything in a roof space.
- Risks involved with electrical appliances, including what to look for when buying or before using the appliance.
- Doing things near overhead powerlines or before digging underground, including how to find out if there are electrical safety risks involved and who to contact about this.

Complementing the Electrical Safety in Rental Properties – Tenants Guide, is the [Electrical Safety in Rental Properties – Property Owners Guide](#), which also focuses on the above key issues in greater depth from a property owner perspective.

We highly recommend you take a moment to download both of these guides from the QLD Electrical Safety website at [www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/electricalsafety](http://www.worksafe.qld.gov.au/electricalsafety) and provide a copy of Electrical Safety in Rental Properties – Tenants Guide to your tenants. By doing so, you will be demonstrating a diligent and proactive approach to ensuring the electrical safety of your property and its occupants.

### **SOME COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS TO HELP WITH THE ISOLATION!**

#### **World Health Organisation Whatsapp Alerts**

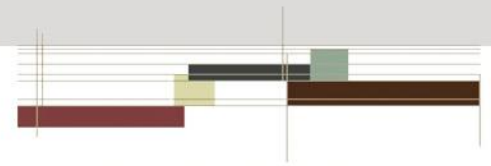
The World Health Organisation (WHO) has set up a free Whatsapp alert service to help keep people informed and safe. Its an easy to use messaging service which enables WHO to get information directly into the hand of the people that need it. If you haven't already, download Whatsapp on your phone. Then simply type 'Hi' into a Whatsapp message to +41 79 893 1892. This will activate a menu of options that helps answer any questions you may have.

#### **We Remember - Community, love and laughter is so important:**

Watch this uplifting video clip which shows us that through this storm there is a silver lining: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAGbxKfNMuE>

#### **Security**

With the current environment we would like to remind residents to be mindful of your own security when out and about, to secure all personal belongings in garages and to be careful leaving doors and windows open. Crime unfortunately rises with increased unemployment.



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## State Library Queensland

Becoming a member of the State Library of Queensland online is free and allows you access to a huge range of free tutorials, movies, documentaries, magazines, and more. Click on this link and fill in the easy form to register:

<https://patron.slq.qld.gov.au/Register>

## Something to leave you with...

Imagine

Imagine with me for a moment—  
don't worry, I'm not saying it's real.  
Imagine, if you can, that there has been  
not a calamity, but a great awakening.  
Pretend, just for a moment,  
that we all so loved our threatened earth  
that we stopped going on cruises,  
limited international flights,  
worked on cherishing the places  
where we already are.  
In this pretty fantasy, everyone who possibly can  
stops commuting. Spends the extra time  
with their kids or pets or garden.  
We have the revelation that everyone  
needs health care, sick leave, steady work.  
It occurs to us that health care workers  
are heroes. Also teachers.  
Not to mention the artists of all kinds  
who teach us resilience and joy.  
Imagine, if you will,  
that we turned to our neighbors  
in mutual aid, trading eggs for milk,  
checking in on those who are elderly  
or alone. Imagine that each of us  
felt suddenly called to wonder  
*In this moment, what does the world  
need from me? What are my gifts?*  
Yes, I know it's just a fantasy.  
The world could never change  
so radically overnight.  
But imagine.

Lynn Ungar 3-20-20



**Stay safe and well. Look out for your neighbours. Give them a wave. WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.**

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