

# **COVID-19 UPDATE**

## **EXTENDED SITE CLOSURE & RUOK DAY**

### **SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Following this weekend's long-awaited state roadmap announcement, Premier Daniel Andrews revealed Melburnians will face a further two weeks of stage 4 *Stay at Home* restrictions after September 13, before a modification and staggered easing of restrictions is implemented.

While this update brings us another step closer to returning to some sense of normality, it regrettably does not change our current operational position. As Puffing Billy Railway (PBR) falls within the scenic and sightseeing transport sector, of which leisurely travel is not permitted, we are to remain in the closed sector until at least 26 October 2020.

Access to PBR sites will remain prohibited, except for a limited number of workers who may be required to attend to emergencies. Any access in an emergency situation will still require a worker permit to do so. For more information on the permit system, please visit the [permitted worker scheme website](#). Alternatively, contact Vikki Ducrow, our Pandemic Coordinator on 0438 347 574. If the Pandemic Coordinator is not available, please contact me on 0472 660 440.

Those staff impacted by the non-attendance to work arrangement will be contacted by their Branch Manager.

As we evaluate the Victorian roadmap to recovery against our own recovery plans, a return date to passenger services is being reassessed. It is likely this date will be later than anticipated, however, we are hopeful and working towards opening as soon as possible. More updates on this to come.

With RUOK Day around the corner, it has never been more important to check in on each other, lean on those around you for support or take the opportunity to seek out the use of our Employee Assistance Program.

Thank you all for your cooperation during this time.

With Kind Regards,



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Puffing Billy Railway

