

COVID-19 UPDATE

SITE CLOSURE & PROHIBITED ACCESS

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As of 11.59pm AEST last night (5/8/2020), Puffing Billy Railway (PBR) falls under the scenic and sightseeing transport sector and is in the closed category for all onsite work.

Access to PBR sites will be prohibited, except for a limited number of workers who may be required to attend to emergencies such as purposes of critical maintenance and safety works including meeting environmental obligations, subject to meeting our minimum COVID Safe Plan requirements. Under the new system, any access in an emergency situation will require a worker permit to do so.

In the event of an emergency, when a responsible PBR worker is contacted to possibly address an onsite issue, they must apply for a permit through our Pandemic Coordinator (who will also consult with the Manager of the worker requesting access). The permit will only be issued if the request meets the above criteria.

Staff and contractor access to the site for any other reason will be denied. If a worker permit is issued, it can only be issued for the period that access is required.

I ask you to recognise the importance of this new system and follow due process not only in the interests of safety for all, but to avoid significant penalties of up to \$19,826 for individuals and \$99,132 for businesses that will apply to employers who issue worker permits to team members (and contractors) who do not meet the requirements of the worker permit scheme, or who otherwise breach the scheme requirements.

This is in addition to the on-the-spot fines of up to \$1,652 (for individuals) and up to \$9,913 (for businesses) for those who breach current state restrictions. This includes employers and employees who do not carry their worker permit when travelling to and from work.

For more information on the permit system, please visit the [permitted worker scheme website](#).

Vikki Ducrow is our Pandemic Coordinator and can be contacted on 0438 347 574. If the Pandemic Coordinator is not available, please contact me on 0472 660 440.

Thank you all for your cooperation during this time.

With Kind Regards,



Steve O'Brien
CEO
Puffing Billy Railway

