



PUBLIC NOTICE

Changes to Public Question Time during the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency -COVID19

Due to the State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency declared by the State Government on 16 March 2020, which remain in force, Ordinary Meetings of Council will no longer be held at the Council Chambers and will not be open to the public. Instead, during the time of the Public Health Emergency, Council Meetings will be held by electronic means, eMeetings, and attendance by members of the public will not be permitted.

Therefore, the process for Public Question Time has been changed.

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996 the following process will now apply:

1. Members of the public who wish to submit a question for public question time are required to submit their question in writing to the Council, via the Council email address records@boddington.wa.gov.au. The question must be submitted by no later than 4 pm on the day prior to the meeting. Public questions must include the full name and address of the person submitting the questions.
2. Where a member of the public submits their questions after the deadline, a response may be provided at the discretion of the Presiding Member.
3. Council will set aside time during the electronic meeting to respond to questions submitted by members of the public. Questions and responses will be recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting. Given the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency, the council may also determine at the meeting that it is not appropriate to respond to a question at the meeting.
4. The operation of subclause 5.1.1 of the *Shire of Boddington Local Law Relating to Standing Orders 1997* will be suspended for the duration of electronic meetings, with matters to be determined at the discretion of the Presiding Member.

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