

**MAYOR'S
MESSAGE****Mayor Tracey
Roberts JP**

The recent announcement of moving into Phase 2 of the recovery roadmap is exciting news and I am sure you are looking forward to returning to some of your usual daily activities.

First and foremost, the City's priority is to keep our community and employees safe and healthy.

From next Monday 18 May, the City will begin to re-open a number of services and facilities, and we are currently working through the State Government's regulations and requirements to ensure the health and safety of all patrons.

Detailed information on services that will be available and what restrictions

will be in place to ensure everyone's wellbeing can be found on our website or by calling the City on **9405 5000**.

Our staff are very excited to be able to welcome our residents back to many of the City's facilities, however we ask for your patience and understanding as strict guidelines will be in place, that we will all need to follow, as part of the re-opening.

Please note that some facilities such

as our playgrounds, skate parks, art gallery and museum will remain closed as per current government advice.

Please be mindful of the need to maintain social distancing and high standards of hygiene to keep ourselves and each other safe, and importantly to ensure our vulnerable community members are protected.

Thank you all for your continued support and involvement during these testing times.

Businesses keeping the lights on

Keeping the lights on over the last few weeks has been the main priority for some of our local businesses and entrepreneurs.

Outside the box thinking and creativity has been the key ingredient for some of the businesses covered in this story.

Local cafe owner-operator Taylor Moore scaled back his menu, changed operating hours, established a pick-up and delivery service and implemented contactless payments. His quick thinking has meant long-term survival during these tough times.

"We've had to totally change how we operate overnight," he said.

"We want to keep Elixir going so our employees and the community have something to come back to later down the track."

With travel restrictions and border closures all over Australia, Margaret from Mini Care Mates had to rethink her whole business model.

"Airbnb hosts and local bed and breakfasts are struggling for bookings, and this has a flow-on effect for our business," said the Tapping-based hospitality supplier.

However, Margaret said there was a preference among some of her clients to source amenities from domestic distributors, rather than relying on overseas suppliers.

"We started working closely with regional hospitals both here in Western Australia and in the Eastern States to supply essentials, as well as some luxuries during this tough time, from hand sanitiser to bathrobes.



Margaret Heaton from Mini Care Mates.

"The tourism industry will bounce back too, and I think people will be more inclined to holiday in Australia in the near future. I want to be well-placed for when the bounce back happens."