

## Chairman's Message to the Alzheimer's WA community in response to COVID-19

Alzheimer's WA is aware that many in our community may have concerns about the coronavirus pandemic and the uncertainty of the days and weeks ahead. I would like to reassure our community that Alzheimer's WA is liaising closely with the Department of Health and following direction from State and Federal Government agencies in response to COVID-19.

For the most up to date information and advice about this global crisis I encourage our community to visit the Western Department of Health website at <https://healthywa.wa.gov.au/coronavirus> or contact them on the Coronavirus Health Information Line on 1800 020 080 at any time. You can also visit the Australian Government Health Department website at <https://www.health.gov.au>.

Alzheimer's WA is taking a cautious and proactive response to COVID-19. This has meant that changes are being made to our operations; for example, upcoming community events have unfortunately been cancelled, memory cafes suspended and we are taking all necessary precautions limiting access to our homes by carers and suppliers. Whilst this is disappointing, the health and wellbeing of our clients, our staff and the broader community is our highest priority.

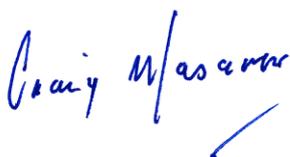
We are committed to ensuring we provide ongoing support to our community. We were very proactive in developing an early COVID response plan as well as new services that meet the changing circumstances. In the event that staff or volunteer availability becomes impacted by COVID-19 we have developed a Work Continuity Plan to enable us to operate, albeit as 'business as unusual' for the foreseeable future.

We are all in this together, and I do ask for your understanding and patience as this situation unfolds.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff, volunteers and those who are thinking of and supporting others at this difficult time. It is times like this that we need to stay even more connected and engaged as a community.

This is a rapidly changing situation and Alzheimer's WA will continue to liaise with the Department of Health and implement changes as necessary.

Please visit our website <https://www.alzheimerswa.org.au/> for regular updates.



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