



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

*Check In Qld app recommended for QR code registration on the island.*

EMT has been investigating the use of the Queensland Check-in application for customer registration on the island. Unlike the NSW check in application the Queensland version does not send an SMS verification, therefore it can be used by customers for registration purposes at businesses on the island.

Businesses will need to register with the app and details of how to do this can be found at [https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld#\\_business](https://www.covid19.qld.gov.au/check-in-qld#_business). The business registration process requires you to provide a mainland telephone number (or 06723xxxxx where xxxxx is your Norfolk Island number), and accepts the Norfolk Island addresses. Once registered you will receive a welcome pack that includes a unique QR code that you print and display at your business for customer registration.

Customers will need to download the Queensland Check in app onto their device and need to have an internet or data connection. If people can't use the app, or don't have a smart device, your staff can check them in using the business profile mode on the app. It remains a requirement for customer registration and the use of the QR code system makes the process easier. You can however maintain the paper-based system if you desire.

*NSW reopening and travel restrictions to the island.*

The New South Wales government has announced a three-stage reopening process based on reaching 70% then 80% fully vaccinated triggers and the final easing of restrictions on 1 December 2021. The first relaxation occurs next Monday (11 October) the second trigger point will be met sometime before 1 December. Currently under both the 70% and 80% vaccination targets travel holidays are not permitted for unvaccinated people beyond NSW. Most restrictions are being lifted from 1 December and it is from this date when travel holidays to the island will be permitted by the NSW authorities. The roadmaps for reopening and travel are less clear for Victoria and the ACT.

EMT is preparing for the potential of allowing visitors from these areas from 1 December understanding that this is dependent upon what happens associated with the reopening strategies both in the currently lock-down states and the other states and territories without significant community transmission.

For any questions about the COVID-19 response on Norfolk Island, please visit the Norfolk Island Regional Council website: <http://www.norfolkisland.gov.nf/covid-19-advice-norfolk-island> in the first instance or contact Detective Sergeant Glenn Elder, IMT Incident Controller at IO-Norfolk-Island@afp.gov.au or +6723 22222. Alternatively, could you contact the Welfare Co-ordinator on 52777.

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