

### **COVID-19 Announcement 25/03/2020**

Covid-19 has brought about an unprecedented national and international crisis. During this time, it is only natural that our thoughts and actions will be focused upon our families and keeping jobs, businesses and the economy afloat.

Just like every other business in Horsham, the BID Steering Group has had to rethink, refocus and prepare for the changes that we will all inevitably face when we return to life post Covid-19. We feel the only correct action is to place the BID opportunity for Horsham on hold for the foreseeable future.

We will be monitoring the situation to ensure that we are prepared and ready to continue the work of the BID. The consultation does remain open and you can complete the business survey on this website and contact us at any time to let us know your views

We believe that a recovery period for our community will be required after the Covid-19 virus has been eradicated from our daily lives and that when the time is right we can begin talking to you all again about how a BID can support what is going to be a long and difficult road for many businesses.

The collaboration amongst all the businesses during the Covid-19 crisis has been commendable and heart-warming, proving that when we work together for the whole community the benefits can bring improvements for everyone. Perhaps this collaboration and empathy for support for each other within the Horsham business community proves that with the same approach and commitment a BID for Horsham can work for the greater good for us all.

The BID Steering Group wishes you and every business in the town the best of health and strength in dealing with this crisis, we will be here for the duration and as we begin to get back on our feet look forward to playing our part in making Horsham the thriving community that we are all so proud to call our home.

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