



7th April 2020

Dear Residents of Barrington Lodge and your Family Members

COVID-19 UPDATE

This morning the Tasmanian Premier announced that no visitors will be permitted at any residential aged care centre in Tasmania from noon today (7th April 2020). This restriction will be in place for a period of two weeks.

The only potential exemption to this is for compassionate reasons involving end of life care.

These restrictions are mandated and we will be aligning to meet these requirements as of noon today.

We understand that this will be difficult news, especially around the Easter period where many families want to spend time with their loved ones. As an organisation we have to comply with these regulations.

Please let us know how we can support you as a resident and family members through these changes.

I need to emphasise that when our staff ask visitors to comply with these directives, they do so to stay within the new government regulations. I understand that this is a stressful time and these regulations will cause frustration. I would please ask that you do not take this out on our staff who are doing their best in an ever-evolving situation.

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact me directly at Richard.deHaast@salvationarmy.org.au.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard'.

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