

What's involved in becoming a Covid Cairns film-maker

We want to capture the strength of the Cairns community during this strange time and we need your help to do it. Become a part of the region's collective memory by creating a short video/film during the pandemic's presence in Cairns. The video/film should be inspired by the changes in your home or professional life; study or school life; creative or spiritual life; or the Covid-19 impacts on the community around you.

We are interested in the positive changes you make, see and feel, as well as the challenges and fears associated with Covid-19.

How do I join in?

If you (or your child) are interested, we need you to commit to making at least one short video/film during the pandemic lockdown period. You may of course make more than one video/film but please no more than 1 per week.

Please date each recording. We will guide you along the way as the pandemic continues to evolve and to help keep you eager, even if the days at home seem drab and endless. Or maybe staying home has given you the opportunity to read that book, do that jigsaw puzzle, crochet a toy, meet your neighbour or discover gardening – show us!

How long

Each film/video can be no longer than 2 minutes. They can be shorter but please not longer.

Format

They can be filmed on any mobile phone or video recorder. Make sure there is good quality light on your face and as little background noise as possible (background music/radio/voices definitely not unless they are part of the story). If you have a tripod or selfie stick, use this to keep the camera stable.

Save them

Make sure you download the film/video onto your computer or external storage device.

Don't send to us

Keep your videos with you. Please don't send anything to us until we are ready to receive them.



I'm in! What happens now?

Below are a series of conditions that are a part of participating in this project. We want you to be sure you understand what we are asking of you before you register. Read through the conditions and make sure you're comfortable with them.

If you are happy to proceed, register and get making!!

At the end of this period, the Cairns Museum will prepare an exhibition based on the local experience of Covid-19 in Cairns. We will use videos and films as part of this exhibition. They may be edited but we will check any edits with you first.

The Cairns Historical Society will also collect and archive videos and films. We cannot promise to archive everyone's work. It will depend on the volume and quality of the videos that are received. We have to select a broad cross section of the local experience of Covid in Cairns for future generations to research, explore and enjoy.

Conditions of participating

1. I can commit to making one video or film of no more than two-minutes during the period of Covid-19 lockdown in Cairns.
2. I understand that I can make more videos or films of two-minutes duration but that the Cairns Museum will consider a maximum of 1 film per week.
3. I consent to being contacted by the Cairns Museum during the course of the Covid Cairns project.
4. I am willing to be interviewed at the conclusion of the project by the Cairns Museum, if required.
5. I agree that the Cairns Museum may exhibit my video or film, in whole or in part, as part of an exhibition about Covid-19 in Cairns, provided my permission is sought and obtained during the exhibition development process.
6. I understand that the Covid Cairns Archive will be curated and managed by the Cairns Museum and the Cairns Historical Society and that my video or film may not ultimately be selected for inclusion.

