

MEDIA RELEASE

GAWB Lake Awoonga Recreational Facilities to reopen on Saturday 2 May Boynedale Bush Camp remains closed

The Gladstone Area Water Board (GAWB) today announced that all Lake Awoonga Recreation Facilities will re-open to the public for day use from Saturday, following a relaxation in guidelines from the Chief Health Officer.

The decision to allow day access follows the easing of stay-at-home restrictions in national parks and other public areas. This decision excludes Boynedale Bush Camp, which is subject to current camping regulations and will remain closed.

GAWB Chief Executive Officer Darren Barlow said Lake Awoonga Recreational Facilities would be opened for fishing, boating, swimming, picnics and other activities but playgrounds and barbecue facilities will remain closed until further notice.

"Lake Awoonga is a popular attraction for the Gladstone region, particularly within our fishing community, and we appreciate the everyone's patience and cooperation during these uncertain times," Mr Barlow said.

"While we look forward to welcoming visitors back to Lake Awoonga, please remember that anyone visiting these sites will be subject to meeting current social distancing guidelines and the requirement to stay within 50 kilometres of their home.

"Our Grounds & Catchment Officers will also ramp up strict cleaning and sanitation practices at all Lake Awoonga Recreational sites. Nothing is more important to us than the health and safety of our employees, visitors and the wider community."

GAWB will continue to follow health advice from Queensland Health and the Chief Health Officer.

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