

AMT's Timeline of Events for COVID19

January 2020

Sat 25 Australia's first case of Coronavirus Covid -19 confirmed



Thurs 30 AMT publishes "Responding to Coronavirus" blog

Fri 31 WHO declares a Global Health Emergency

February 2020

Wed 26 Australia activates its emergency plan
"The novel coronavirus outbreak represents a significant risk to Australia. It has the potential to cause high levels of morbidity and mortality and to disrupt our community socially and economically."

March 2020

AMT publishes updated advice about coronavirus on the AMT blog



Fri 6

Wed 11 WHO declares a global pandemic

Thurs 12 AMT board meets to discuss coronavirus action plan

Australian PM advises against gatherings of more than 500 people



Fri 13

AMT Board meets again to discuss revised advice to members due to first reports of community transmission

Sat 14 AMT promotes Federal Department of Health Covid 19 infection control module

AMT launches its stimulus for sole traders campaign, providing templates to members to ask MPs to include self employees, sole traders and contractors in next round of economic stimulus

Sun 15 AMT sends email to PM and Treasurer requesting support for sole traders in stimulus package

AMT issues media release "AMT calls on Federal Government to extend stimulus"

AMT board votes to advise members to close their practices. Members are notified via email of the Board's advice

Mon 16 Australia legislates against gatherings of more than 500 people, overseas arrivals to self isolate

AMT issues media release "AMT advises members to shut down"

AMT provides templates to assist members with shut down communications

Tues 17 AMT provides resources to members regarding financial hardship

AMT provides advice to members on actions to take regarding rent and mortgage payments

Wed 18 AMT announces that the Annual General Meeting will take place online

AMT is lauded internationally across social media for its leadership on COVID19. The American Massage Therapy Association and the Associated Bodywork and Movement Professionals advise their members to shut down as well.

AMT collects data on Facebook regarding political reach of the stimulus campaign

AMT announces 3-month amnesty on first aid renewals

"Today, AMT informed the private health funds that we are giving a 3-month amnesty to AMT members who are due to renew their first aid certificate before June. We will revise this timeline at a later date and extend it if necessary."

AMT social media campaign regarding shut down commences



Thurs 19

AMT advises members that the 2020 mentoring scheme will run free of charge for mentees

AMT launches the second round of its economic stimulus campaign. Member receive calls from their local MPs.

Fri 20 Prime Minister announces next round of stimulus will include sole traders.

ARC suspends resuscitation training

Sat 21 AMT consolidates all COVID19 resources into a new section on the AMT website

Australian Coronavirus cases reach 1000

Sun 22 AMT launches round 3 of stimulus campaign to address the issue of plundering superannuation reserves

South Australia, West Australia close borders

ACT, NSW & Victoria announce shut downs

Mon 23 HICAPS offers fee waiver for 3 months

Prime minister announces shut down of non-essential businesses including "massage parlours"

Tues 24 AMT publishes blog post "Ordeal"

"The ripple made by the AMT Board's brave and gruelling decision rapidly spread out across the globe, like the virus we are battling to contain. It created a chain reaction of similar advice from massage therapy associations around the world. We asked massage therapists from near and far to feel the imperative of wings and, oh, how their shoulder blades are aching."

AMT seeks clarification on PM's announcement from state and federal health departments. AMT also distributes templates to members for letters to premiers & health ministers requesting clear, industry specific information

Wed 25 AMT advises members on approach to financial hardship provisions, including one-year extension of police check renewals

Department of Health confirms via email that all massage performed by non-AHPRA registered therapists is to cease at midnight

AMT provides template to members to help request rent relief

AMT publishes blog post "The Unenjoyable Ride"

AMT holds first online AGM with 262 attendees online



Sun 29

AMT advises members that the JobKeeper stimulus will extend to sole traders. Result!

"Self-employed individuals will be eligible to receive the JobKeeper Payment where they have suffered or expect to suffer a 30 per cent decline in turnover relative to a comparable prior period (of at least a month)."

Mon 30 AMT publishes blog post "You don't have to get through it perfectly"

April 2020

Wed 1 AMT advises members whose insurance renewal is due soon that they are working with Fenton Green to provide solutions to those in financial hardship

Tues 2 AMT asks members to help with a final round of stimulus campaigning to assist visa holders and casual employees

AMT advises on successful negotiations with Fenton Green to extend renewal payments by 75 days

Wed 8 *"All professional indemnity/public liability policies due for renewal for April and May, and any new policies with Fenton Green, will receive extended credit. The extended credit terms will allow you an additional 75 days to make payment on your premium. This should give you the opportunity to maintain the currency of your insurance, while you apply for and wait to receive government stimulus grants."*

AMT publishes blog post "Now is the time to grow your business"

AMT hosts webinar on online consultation for massage therapists and publishes online consultation guidelines on the AMT website

Thurs 9

Australian Department of Health requests AMT's online consultation guidelines in association with ongoing allied health practitioner webinar updates

Fri 17 AMT provides an update via email about JobKeeper for sole traders, with instructions on how to prepare

AMT provides a video update to members

Sat 18 The AMT Board establishes Terms of Reference for a Biosecurity Planning Committee to guide return to hands-on practice