

Strategic Plan 2019-22 – Review Statement July 2020

COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted directly on Victorian public libraries in mid-March 2020, closing all libraries for an extended period. A staged re-opening was followed by further closures in some areas. It is unclear if this pattern will continue.

With this uncertainty, and the nature of the virus there is every indication that COVID-19 will continue to impact on public libraries for an extensive period, most likely to the end of this Plan in June 2022.

Accordingly, the goals and strategic actions on which the plan is based will be viewed within the lens of COVID-19.

The annual action plan 2020/21 will be reviewed and updated to reflect changes to initiatives and critical actions required due to the impact of COVID-19.