

Daily Auslan News Update

Date <i>Day DD/MM/YY</i>	18/9/2020
Time	5pm
Breaking News <i>0 Coverage</i>	
National <i>1 Coverage</i>	<p>Yesterday, Qantas released on their website a mystery 'scenic flight to nowhere'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The flight is on 10th October 2020, will depart and arrive in Sydney and has no stopovers. • Passengers have been promised great views of Australian landmarks like the Great Barrier Reef and Uluru. • Qantas says the plane will fly as low as 4,000 feet at some parts of the flight to get passengers as close as possible to these landmarks. • More than 130 tickets sold out in 10 minutes, Qantas believes it's one of the fastest-selling flights they've ever released. • This new initiative has been created due to the state border restrictions as the airline, which has lost almost \$2 billion since the pandemic began. • Qantas may organise more scenic flights in the future, to boost the economy and keep pilots working.
Victoria <i>2 Coverages</i>	<p>Overnight, Victoria has recorded 45 new cases of COVID 19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 people have died aged in their 50's to 90's. • Victoria's death toll is now 750.
	<p>Victoria's health officials are concerned about a growing outbreak of COVID 19 in Melbourne's south-east.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 34 cases of COVID-19 are linked to the Dandenong and Casey areas. • Health officials are investigating this outbreak is linked to family groups visiting other households and travelling outside the 5km radius restriction. • Due to this outbreak, 3 new testing sites have been set up and people who live in this region are urged to get tested if they have any symptoms. • Authorities are reminding people living in Metro Melbourne that they can not visit other households or travel beyond the 5km restriction. • They are also urging anyone who has visited the Fountain Gate shopping centre during 18th August to 6th September to please get tested as a precaution.

<p>Tasmania <i>1 Coverage</i></p>	<p>Tasmanians would normally travel interstate and overseas for holidays but due to border closures they are exploring their own state.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Coast tourism operators say Tasmanian visitors are flocking to the region. • Some operators are reporting bookings up by 300 per cent compared to this time last year. • The West Coast Wilderness Railway will run from 22 September between Strahan and Queenstown and will increase their timetable from three days a week to six days to meet the high demand. • This will boost Tasmania's economy and employment which is much needed for the tourism industry.
<p>International <i>1 Coverage</i></p>	<p>WHO is gravely concerned about the alarming increase of COVID 19 cases across parts of Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since March, Europe has reported almost 5 million cases of COVID-19 and over 200,000 deaths. • Last week the region reported more than 300,000 new cases, which is more than when the pandemic began in March. • The largest proportion of new cases among adults aged 25 to 49. • Health authorities are concerned that people are ignoring the strict public health measures needed to control the pandemic.
<p>Sources <i>Best source is: Media Releases ABC News The Guardian Livestreamed Media Press</i></p>	<p>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/qantas-flight-to-nowhere-sells-out-in-10-minutes/12676570</p> <p>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/concerning-coronavirus-cluster-under-investigation-at-casey/12674772</p> <p>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/west-coast-proves-a-drawcard-for-tasmanians-during-coronavirus/12670012</p> <p>https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-09-18/who-europe-alarming-rates-of-transmission-covid-19-infections/12676188</p>
<p>Supporting Resources <i>For comment section, add link with a short brief.</i></p> <p>Regional Victoria step 3 restriction changes from 11.59pm Wednesday 16th September:</p>	

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/updates/coronavirus-covid-19/statement-premier-15-september-2020>