

Australian social workers encourage everyone to download COVIDSafe app

The AASW welcomes the introduction of the COVIDSafe app, launched by the Australian government yesterday and encourages everyone to download the app. AASW National President Christine Craik said, "The Australian community has come together over the past few weeks to slow the spread of COVID-19. "We have done so well in this regard that some states are even beginning to cautiously lift restrictions, which is going to have a positive effect on mental health." The introduction of a tracing app will assist health authorities to isolate actual and potential cases of COVID-19. "The AASW is asking everyone to download this app and play your part in helping to eliminate this virus. Social workers are working so hard to help people through this time, and anything we can do to assist this, needs to be done. "You simply make sure your Bluetooth is on, download the app and complete a short, non-identifying questionnaire. You do not have to use your real or full name, if you do not want to. "Downloading the app will assist in life returning to normal much more quickly, which is something everyone wants." Australian social workers have made adjustments during this time to provide essential mental health, family violence, child protection, health, aged care, school social work services and other services that social workers provide. Ms Craik said, "Social work services have continued during this period and the Association is supporting its members through these extraordinary times, to deliver the very best services to the Australian public."

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