

SPECIAL EVENT TO CELEBRATE SHOYOEN JAPANESE GARDEN ANNIVERSARY

A special event is being held at the Shoyoen Japanese Gardens this weekend as part of the garden's 15th Anniversary celebrations.

Located at the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden, Shoyoen, meaning 'strolling and refreshing garden' was gifted to the people of Dubbo by its sister city Minokamo and officially opened on 23 November 2002.

"In conjunction with the DREAM festival's annual Sushi in the Shoyoen Garden event and with the support of the Friends of the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden a special celebration will be held on Saturday 14 October from 3pm to 8pm," Project Manager Ben Pilon said.

"There will be plenty of entertainment from a range of local and international performers, Japanese tea sampling, Taiko no wa Drummers, Shakuhachi Japanese Flute performance, kids' activities and martial arts demonstrations."

"The anniversary celebration is being held in conjunction with the DREAM Festival's Sushi in the Shoyoen Gardens event for more information about that and to preorder sushi go to www.dreamfest.com.au."

"There will also be a food and drink stall run by the Dubbo 1st Scouts group and visitors are asked to bring their own rug or chair."

"The Friends of The Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden are helping with the staging of this event as well and we are asking anyone coming along to consider giving a gold-coin donation to go to the group."

"The Friends of the Dubbo Regional Botanic Garden are an enthusiastic group of volunteers who guide visitors, assist with maintaining the gardens and uphold the spirit of our Sister City relations."

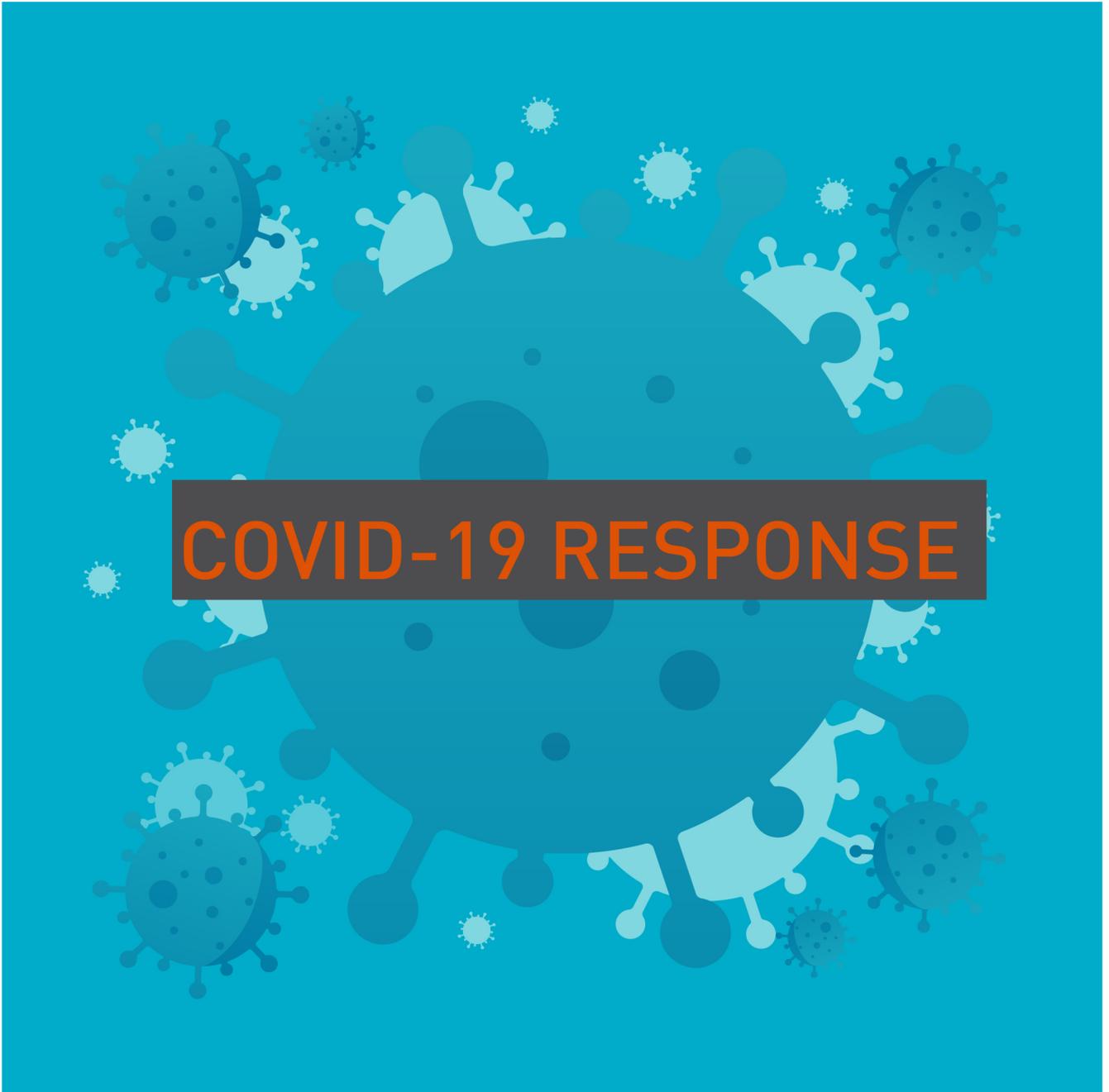
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