



## TO REMEMBER:

**Council meeting – Tuesday, 1 September 5.00pm • Tuesday, 15 September, 5.00pm - Venue: To be livestreamed**  
Please check the Events section of our Website for information on how you can listen/watch

## HAVE YOUR SAY:

Don't forget to register on Council's 'Have Your Say' portal on the website to be kept informed of happenings at Council and receive notification of opportunities to become involved and provide your comment - <https://haveyoursay.mansfield.vic.gov.au/register>

## COVID-19 UPDATE

This is the 21st update for the community. Recent updates are available on Council's website at [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency)

This update was written and submitted to the Courier for publication on Friday 21 August, however, COVID-19 continues to be a changing situation. Follow the health advice and continue to practice good hygiene, wash your hands regularly, wear a mask when you leave home, avoid touching your face and practice social distancing.

Stay informed by downloading the VicEmergency app and for regular updates and reliable advice visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus)

### State of Emergency Extended

On Sunday, 16 August the State of Emergency in Victoria was extended four weeks to 11.59pm on Sunday, 13 September 2020 which allows the Victorian Government to continue enforcing physical distancing and isolation requirements as well as other directions from the Chief Health Officer (CHO).

Victoria Police have strong powers to enforce these directions and can issue on the spot fines for breaches of stay at home directions. This includes up to \$1,652 for individuals and up to \$9,913 for businesses. Under the directions, people who don't comply could also be taken to court and receive a fine of up to \$20,000. Companies face fines of up to \$100,000.

If you have even the mildest of symptoms, please get tested and stay home. People without access to sick leave or other supports can apply for the \$450 payment to help them get through while waiting for their test result.

### Coronavirus Test Isolation Payment

Victorian workers can apply for a \$450 coronavirus (COVID-19) Test Isolation Payment that provides financial support while they self-isolate to wait for the results of a coronavirus (COVID-19) test. <https://businessvic.secure.force.com/PublicForm?id=eic19p2020#no-back-button>

### Federal Government's \$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment

The \$1500 coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support Payment is now offered through the Commonwealth Government's Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment for Victoria.

To get this payment, all of the following must apply:

- you're at least 17 years old
- you live in Victoria
- you have no income from paid work, including sick leave entitlements.

In addition, the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services must also have told you to self-isolate or quarantine. They must have done this because of any of the following reasons:

- you have coronavirus (COVID-19)
- you've been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19
- you care for a child, 16 years and under, who has COVID-19
- you care for a child, 16 years and under, who's been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19.

If you have to self-isolate more than once, you can claim this payment each time. Go to Services Australia for information on how to claim.

### Funding assistance for Farmers

Farmers affected by drought and dry seasonal conditions are being urged to find out if they're eligible for any support from the Victorian Government to build resilience for future seasons.

Minister for Agriculture Jaclyn Symes encouraged farmers to apply for assistance through two grant programs before they close on 28 August. These three programs are:

- The On-Farm Drought Resilience Grant, providing up to \$5,000 for farm business planning activities and an additional \$5,000 for drought infrastructure investments. This can include new eligible technologies to improve mobile phone connectivity, and items such as soil moisture probes.
- Household Financial Relief, a \$3,000 payment to assist farming families, farm workers and contractors with household expenses.

Farmers are encouraged to contact the Rural Financial Counselling Service to discuss the support available, and for help with applications on 1300 045 747.

### Free Kinder for Families through Coronavirus

All kinder in Victoria is free for Term 3 and children will be supported to learn from home via a Victorian Government relief package to support early childhood services through the pandemic.

The Minister for Education James Merlino announced an extension to the free sessional kinder support and a further \$1.6 million in grants, which will be available via the Australian-first School Readiness Funding program for kindergartens to help deliver early childhood education to children learning at home.

### Getting tested

If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) you should get tested. In Mansfield this can be done at your local clinic – both Central General Practice and Mansfield Medical Clinic and at the Mansfield Hospital.

Contact your GP practice or call the Mansfield Testing Clinic on 0428

## COVID-19 UPDATE (cont.)

694 968 for an appointment if you have any of the following

- Fever
- Chills or sweats
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath
- Runny nose
- Loss of sense of smell or taste
- In some circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered

### Stage 3 restrictions for regional Victoria

- There are only 4 reasons to leave home.
  - o Shopping for food and supplies that you need
  - o Care and caregiving
  - o Exercise
  - o Work and study if you can't do it from home
- And if you are out – you must wear a face covering
- Stay safe by washing your hands regularly, coughing and sneezing into your elbow, keeping at least 1.5 metres from others and staying home if you feel unwell.
- If you have symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) get tested.

For the latest information and advice about current restriction levels in place in the restricted postcodes and elsewhere throughout Victoria visit [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19)

### Face coverings

- Wearing a face covering protects you and your community by providing an additional physical barrier to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Keeping 1.5 metres between yourself and others and washing your hands are still the best defences against coronavirus (COVID-19)
- The recommendation to wear a face covering does not apply to children and people aged under 12 years, individuals with breathing difficulties, and those who have physical conditions that make it difficult to wear a face covering.
- You must wear a face covering if you need to go to metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire for one of the four reasons.

### Changes to Council Services

Under Stage 3 restrictions, there are changes to a number of Council's services. For details visit [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency)

### Closed Facilities

The Visitor Information Centre, the Youth Centre, Sports Stadium, Community Centres including the Buckland Room and Anderson Hall, all Playgrounds and the Skatepark are closed.

### Council's Customer Service Centre

Council's Customer Service Centre is closed for face-to-face service.

- To discuss requests, services or any other Council related matter, our staff are available via phone 03 5775 8555 or email [council@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@mansfield.vic.gov.au)
- To lodge any requests or complaints, please use the 'Submit a Request' tab on our website [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au)
- If you need to make a payment, there are many options available which are detailed on our website - [http://mshire.co/Payment\\_Options](http://mshire.co/Payment_Options)
- Whilst our office is closed to the public, VicRoads services will be unavailable. For any queries, you can contact VicRoads direct on 13 11 71.

### Mansfield Library

The Mansfield Library is closed for face-to-face interactions. The Click & Collect Service and the ability to download eBooks, eAudiobooks and magazines is available. To access the Click & Collect Service please phone the Library on 5775 8621 during standard operating hours. You can also place your own holds via the online catalogue accessed through Council's website. The book chute is open and items can be returned at any time.

### Council relief information hotline

Anyone requiring relief or information can phone Mansfield Shire Council's Free Call Relief Number: 1800 MSC Aid (1800 672 243)

The hotline will be answered by Council staff equipped to answer questions, provide advice and referrals for enquiries about food, accommodation, psychosocial support, medications, transport, internet access and/or shopping delivery services and other locally available services.

Or email: [covid19.support@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:covid19.support@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

For all relief queries outside the normal business hours contact coronavirus state-based hotline available 24 hours each day on 1800 675 398.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT RUNNING AS A CANDIDATE IN THE 2020 COUNCIL ELECTIONS?

Being a Councillor is a rewarding challenge – one which requires commitment, responsibility and accountability.

Join a free Candidate Information Workshop hosted by the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) covering topics such as:

- Roles and responsibilities of Councils and Councillors
- Current issues facing local government
- Candidate information for the 2020 elections
- Campaign tips and tools

**Date: Tuesday 8 September 2020 4:00pm to 5:30pm**

**Venue: VIRTUAL SESSION** (zoom link provided on registration page)

**Registrations:** <https://www.vlga.org.au/civcrm/event/info%3Fid%3D304%26reset%3D1>

### COUNCIL MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Mansfield Shire Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2020, commencing at 5.00pm.

The business to be conducted at the meeting is as follows:

1. Mansfield Shire Council Governance Rules;
2. Mansfield Shire Council Public Transparency Policy;
3. Mansfield Shire Council Expenses Policy.

The meeting will be live-streamed through YouTube and can be accessed via a link on the Mansfield Shire Council website to allow members of the public to observe the meeting. The meeting will also be broadcast on Mansfield Community Radio 99.7FM.

## PLANNING

### AMENDMENT TO DEVELOPMENT PLAN P0201D/08 - 140 HIGHTON LANE MANSFIELD

Amend the existing development plan, reducing the applicability of the plan to only the core Highton Manor area. The existing Design Guidelines associated with the development plan would apply to a reduced area and would not apply to the subdivided allotments.

Further information regarding this application is available on Council's website - <https://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/residents/building-and-planning/public-notices>

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH NURSE - PERMANENT, PART TIME 0.3 EFT

The Maternal and Child Health Nurse promotes healthy outcomes for children and their families, providing a universal primary health service for children aged 0-6yrs. This role has responsibility to deliver the Enhanced Maternal and Child Health program and provide a more intensive level of support to those with identified additional needs and vulnerabilities who are at risk of poor outcomes.

Remuneration will be based on Grade 4B Level 1, 2 or 3 depending on experience (\$48.31-\$51.17 per hour) under the Mansfield Shire Council Enterprise Agreement 2019.

For all the details, please refer to the Employment page of Council's website [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au)

**Written applications close at 5:00pm on Monday 7 September 2020. For a confidential discussion regarding the position contact Michelle Meyer, Coordinator Maternal and Child Health on 5775 8537.**

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