

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Council meeting – Tuesday, 21 July 2020, 5.00pm Venue: To be livestreamed

Please check the Events section of our Website for information on how you can listen/watch the Council Meetings remotely

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE

This is the fifteenth update for the community. All previous updates are available on Council's website at www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency

COVID19 continues to be a changing situation. Follow the health advice and continue to practice good hygiene, wash your hands regularly, 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

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 during business hours and at the Mansfield Hospital outside of business hours. Call your local general practitioner before you visit.

Update on restrictions

From 11:59pm on 8 July, if you live in metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire you must stay at home. You can only leave home for one of the four reasons – shopping for food and supplies, care and caregiving, exercise, and study or work, if you can't do it from home.

People who have more than one place of residence must choose their principal residence and then must stay there for the stay-at-home period. If your principal place of residence is in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire then you must stay at that residence. You should not be travelling between your residences, nor to a holiday home, except to carry out essential maintenance.

People who live in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, also cannot travel outside of the area to exercise or for outdoor recreation.

This will impact 32 councils including Banyule, Bayside, Boroondara, Brimbank, Cardinia, Casey, Darebin, Frankston, Glen Eira, Greater Dandenong, Hobsons Bay, Hume, Kingston, Knox, Manningham, Maribyrnong, Maroondah, Melbourne, Melton, Monash, Moonee Valley, Mitchell Shire, Moreland, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Whitehorse, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Yarra and Yarra Ranges.

Outside of metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire, the restriction levels have not changed. For information on what you can and can't do in Mansfield in the categories of restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs, shopping, retail and personal services, social gatherings, entertainment and culture, community services, sport and exercise, work and study, religion and culture visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/restrictions-rest-victoria-covid-19>

Victorians outside the Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire are being asked to use common sense when it comes to visiting friends and family, especially those who are more vulnerable. That means seeing only those you need to – if you need to.

If you need to travel through the Metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire, you can. You should plan your trip so that you don't need to stop in an impacted area unless it is for one of the allowed activities.

The New South Wales border is closed. Victorian residents require a permit to enter New South Wales.

Getting tested

Everyone who is tested for coronavirus (COVID-19) helps the authorities understand how the virus is spreading.

If you have any of the following symptoms, however mild you should get tested: fever, chills or sweats, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, and loss of sense of smell or taste.

If you have any symptoms, you should put on a mask (if you

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have one) when you go to get tested. This will help prevent spreading the infection to others.

The test takes around a minute and involves a swab from the back of your throat and nose.

In Mansfield you can be tested at your local clinic – both Central General Practice and Mansfield Medical Clinic - during business hours and at the Mansfield Hospital outside of business hours. Call the clinic before you visit and bring at least one form of identification – for example, your Medicare card, driver's licence or student ID.

If you have symptoms, you should return home immediately after the test and remain in self-isolation until you receive your test result.

Beyond Blue

If you are feeling worried or struggling to cope and need information, advice and strategies to help you manage your wellbeing and mental health during this time, Beyond Blue has established a Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service, which includes phone, webchat support as well as an online community forum where you can connect with others. To access these services call 1800 512 348 or visit the Beyond Blue Website <https://coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au/>

Council relief information hotline

Council has its own dedicated local relief information hotline. People who require relief or assistance as a result of COVID-19 can phone the free call number for local support and information.

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.

The free call number and associated email address is staffed daily, Monday-Friday from 9am-5pm.

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

Or email: 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.

Tourism accommodation support program

Accommodation operators in regional Victoria can apply for payments of up to \$225 per booking per night for each cancelled booking as a result of the travel restrictions placed on residents from Melbourne's restricted postcodes.

This applies to bookings made before 3pm on 30 June 2020 for travel between 11.59pm on 1 July and 11.59pm on 29 July.

Eligible accommodation providers include hotels, motels, caravan parks, camping grounds and private holiday rentals.

For more information or to apply visit www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/tourism-accommodation-support-program

Tax time changes due to COVID-19

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) recognises that businesses have experienced significant challenges. To help make tax time easier, the ATO has a range of different approaches to support you, particularly where new circumstances mean that people are receiving a different type of income or able to claim new deductions. For more information visit www.business.gov.au/news/tax-time-changes-due-to-covid-19

PUBLIC NOTICES

MANSFIELD SHIRE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Council is seeking nominations for an independent member on the Audit and Risk Committee.

The key objective of the Committee is to provide advice, as part of Council's governance obligations to its community, to the Council and Chief Executive Officer ensuring:

- Effective recognition, identification and management of risk
- Improved credibility and objectivity of internal and external financial reports
- Compliance with relevant laws and regulations, and use of best practice guides
- The effectiveness of an annual audit program.

A suitably qualified and experienced individual is sought from relevant industry backgrounds. Experience in financial reporting and auditing, risk management and corporate governance and some understanding of local government would be highly regarded.

The current vacant term of appointment on the Audit and Risk Committee is for a three year period commencing 12 November 2020, with such appointee being eligible to apply for re-appointment for a further term or terms of three years.

Expressions of interest must be lodged by close of business 27 July 2020 using the nomination form available from the municipal office or Council's website. The position attracts an allowance.

Further information on the role and purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee is included with the nomination form. Expressions of interest should be addressed:

Expressions of interest - Audit and Risk Committee

Ms Mandy Kynnersley

Finance Manager

Mansfield Shire Council

Private Bag 1000

Mansfield Vic 3724

Email: recruitment@mansfield.vic.gov.au

Further specific details on the Audit and Risk Committee can be obtained from Council's Finance Manager, Ms Mandy Kynnersley, by telephoning 5775 8555.

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.

Find out more by joining a free Candidate Information Workshop hosted by 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: Thursday 16 July 2020 4:00pm to 7:30pm

Venue: Mansfield Performing Arts Centre, View Street, Mansfield

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/3d77oTE>

SURVEY TO INFORM BUSINESS RECOVERY PLAN

Mansfield Shire Council's Business and Community Recovery Advisory Committee needs your input into the development of our Business and Community Recovery Plan.

We ask that you take 10 minutes to fill this survey out, which will help us to support our business community during the long-term recovery period.