



TO REMEMBER:

Council meeting – Tuesday, 20 October 2020 at 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 24th update for the community. Recent updates are available on Council's website at www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency

This update was written and submitted to the Courier for publication on Friday, 11 September. Please be aware there may be more recent information available www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

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.

Victoria's Roadmap for reopening

On Sunday, 6 September, the Premier announced the roadmap to reopening Victoria. The roadmap is designed to be done in safe, steady and sustainable steps.

The details below are the roadmap for regional Victoria. There is also a roadmap for Melbourne which is currently in Stage 4 restrictions.

As of midnight Sunday, 13 September regional Victoria has moved to the 2nd Step of Stage 3 which means the following are now permitted:

• Second Step

- Public gatherings – up to five people from maximum of two households can meet outdoors
- Single "social bubbles"
- Schools – staged return to onsite learning for all students in Term 4
- Outdoor playgrounds reopen (but not skate parks)
- Public outdoor pools reopen (up to 20 people)

• **Third Step** – when regional Victoria reaches less than 5 cases on average over 14 days and zero cases with unknown source over 14 days.

This will mean there will be no restrictions on the reasons for leaving home or distances travelled, although you won't be able to travel into areas with higher restrictions. The focus will be activities outdoors, however there will be some limitations on the numbers of people you can meet up with. A household bubble will be introduced to allow for more social visits within the home, but this will also have limitations on numbers.

• **Last Step** – from 23 November 2020 if no new cases for 14 days state-wide.

• **COVID Normal** – starts when no new cases occur for 28 days plus no active cases (state-wide) and no outbreaks of concern in other States and Territories.

Mt Buller & Mt Stirling resorts update

Under the direction of State Government, Mt Buller and Mt Stirling resorts remain closed to visitors as part of Stage 3 restrictions to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

If circumstances change, updates will be posted on the Mt Buller and Mt Stirling websites: www.mtbuller.com.au and www.mtstirling.com.au

Support for electricity and gas customers campaign

The Australian Energy Council's Helping You Stay On Track campaign aims to alert customers to the tailored support that are available to them – from short term payment plans to longer term hardship assistance. It also encourages anyone facing challenges to have a conversation with their retailer if they are worried about their energy bills. Go to: <https://www.energycouncil.com.au/coronavirus>

Living Locally Survey

The Victorian Government is seeking feedback to understand the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19), and future opportunities, in your neighbourhood. With everyone spending more time locally, many are experiencing our neighbourhoods and communities in new and different ways. The Living Locally Survey explores current impacts, support for communities, and recovery in the future. The survey will take between 5-15 minutes to complete and will close on 30 September. Go to: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/living-locally>

Council election - Updated Safe Campaigning Guidelines

Local Government Victoria and DHHS have released updated Safe Campaigning Guidelines for the October Local Government elections, reflecting the roadmap to reopening announced on Sunday 6 September. There is now separate advice for candidates in regional Victoria and metropolitan Melbourne, to ensure candidates can access advice on permitted campaign activity which applies to their area. Go to: <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/resilience-and-emergency-management/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

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 694 968

COVID-19 UPDATE (cont.)

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

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

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

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

SPRING GRASS GROWTH & FIRE SEASON – WILL YOU BE PREPARED?

CFA and SES together with Council are urging property owners to be prepared for both the spring rainfall and the coming fire season.

Now is the time for grass cutting and keeping properties safe.

If you need assistance, property maintenance services are locally available including mowing contractors. Alternatively, you may be able to reach out to family, a friend or neighbor in the area to seek assistance in maintaining grass and controlling other weeds and vegetation growth and assisting with keeping an eye on your property after storm events.

Property owners should be aware that the grass may need to be cut a number of times during the growth period.

Council seeks a minimum setback of 25m between long grass and buildings and other assets (including adjoining houses) that need to be protected. For urban allotments, the whole allotment should have the grass growth managed.

Council will provide advice on available contractors to property owners who receive formal Fire Prevention Notices later in the season.

Please note that in areas other than townships a Council permit is not required for the burning off of green waste and is allowed until the commencement of the Fire Danger Period. You should notify CFA of your intent to prevent unnecessary Fire Brigade call-outs. <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off> or 1800 668 511

MOWING CONTRACTORS/ PROPERTY MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

If you are a property maintenance firm or mowing contractor, you are invited to provide Council with your details so that we can add them to a list of possible service providers that we can make available on request.

Council routinely provides this advice to property owners receiving formal Fire Prevention Notices later in the season. Therefore, property maintenance contractors are asked to include contact details (phone and e-mail), services offered such as mowing or slashing or general property maintenance and whether the service offered caters for the whole of the Municipality or specific locations.

If you want to be considered as a service provider used by Council in relation to non-compliance with Prevention Notices, please also provide Council with a copy of your public liability insurance details.

For further enquiries please contact Kevin Murphy, Council's Senior Coordinator Community Safety and Municipal Fire Prevention Officer via email - kevin.murphy@mansfield.vic.gov.au

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SWIMMING POOL CO-ORDINATOR; LIFEGUARDS; AND LEARN TO SWIM INSTRUCTORS

In preparation for the 2020-21 (November – March) swimming season, Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for:

- Swimming Pool Co-ordinator
- Lifeguards, and
- Learn to Swim Instructors

If you are interested, please lodge an EOI detailing your qualifications, experience and availability.

Enquiries can be directed to Council's Co-ordinator Community Development, Keira McDonagh, on 5775 8562.

Expressions of Interest must be lodged by close of business **Friday, 25 September 2020**, by email to recruitment@mansfield.vic.gov.au

It should be noted that lodging an EOI places no obligation on Mansfield Shire Council to accept any EOI lodged or proceed to an offer of employment.

SITUATIONS VACANT

COORDINATOR ENGINEERING SERVICES - FULL TIME, FIXED TERM (2 YEARS)

- Manage engineering referrals, provide excellent customer service
- Skilled at engagement and resolutions
- Provide strategic direction in all aspects of engineering

Your engineering advice and expertise is required on applications for statutory planning permits and management of duties associated with civil design, development and construction and engineering investigation.

COORDINATOR ASSET MANAGEMENT - PERMANENT, FULL TIME

- Develop and manage framework
- Manage Council's assets, inspections, data and systems
- Lead the strategic direction

Bring your technical and specialist abilities to the fore as you lead this team to deliver excellence in asset management and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Remuneration for the above Coordinator positions will be based on Band 7 classification (\$87,330-\$96,644) Mansfield Shire Council Enterprise Agreement 2019.

For a confidential discussion regarding these Coordinator roles, contact Kristian Burchat, Manager Operations and Capital Works on 5775 8585.

COMMUNICATIONS ADVISOR – PERMANENT, FULL-TIME

The Communications Advisor is responsible for the delivery of a range of media and public relations services. Reporting to the General Manager Community and Corporate Services, this position will provide advice and direction across a broad range of communication channels including social media, graphic design, digital initiatives, internal communications and community focused campaigns.

The Communications Advisor will also play a key role in effective stakeholder engagement and driving digital transformation.

Remuneration for this position will be based on Band 7 classification (\$87,330-\$96,644) Mansfield Shire Council Enterprise Agreement 2019.

For a confidential discussion regarding the Communications Advisor position contact Council's CEO, Kaylene Conrick, on 5775 8516.

Written applications for the above three positions close at 5.00pm 21 September 2020.

For more information on any of the above positions, please refer to the Employment Opportunities page of Council's website www.mansfield.vic.gov.au