

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Council meeting – Tuesday, 4 August, 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 - <https://haveyoursay.mansfield.vic.gov.au/register>

COVID-19 UPDATE

This is the sixteenth 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.

Victoria's Restrictions Levels

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

Face Masks

Victoria's Chief Health Officer has now updated his advice to recommend anyone living in metro Melbourne or Mitchell Shire to wear a face covering or cloth mask when leaving home (for one of the four permitted reasons), where it is not possible to maintain a distance of at least 1.5 metres from other people.

These recommendations apply to adults over the age of 18; recognising both the lower transmission and disease severity in younger people, but also the difficulty in getting children to wear a face mask properly. The recommendation does not apply to wearing masks in schools and early childhood settings.

Anyone who lives outside metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire should follow the same advice if they need to enter an area currently under Stage 3 Stay at Home restrictions.

Studies have recently shown that, even when factoring in imperfections and human error, wearing face masks can reduce transmission of Coronavirus by around 60 per cent. Before this study, advice around the effectiveness of face masks in reducing transmission has been contradictory and lacking in evidence.

This is a health recommendation only and will not be enforced – people will not be fined for not wearing a face mask.

Full-contact Sport

In line with the directions of Victoria's Chief Health Officer, the resumption of full-contact training and competition for people aged 19 and over in regional Victoria has been halted.

Full-contact training was scheduled to resume on Monday, 13 July, with full-contact competition set to return on 20 July. However, with a significant increase in Coronavirus cases in Melbourne, and active cases in a number of many regional communities, the Chief Health Officer has determined that community sport in regional Victoria must remain non-contact.

Full training and competition for players aged 18 and under can continue.

Further easing of restrictions, including target dates, will be considered by Victoria's Chief Health Officer at the end of July.

COVID-19 UPDATE (cont.)

NSW – Victoria Border Closure

Under the Public Health (COVID-19 Border Control) Order 2020, anyone who has been in Victoria in the past 14 days must not enter NSW unless:

- They hold a current entry permit
- They are authorised to enter under the order
- They are accompanying someone allowed to enter as a dependent, or to provide care or support to them.

NSW police are enforcing the border control and roads are closed at multiple entries.

To check your eligibility or apply for a permit visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit

Advice for Business

Businesses serving customers face-to-face must take all reasonable endeavours to satisfy themselves that their customers do not live in metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire.

To enable contact tracing, some facilities, such as restaurants and cafes, accommodation facilities, hairdressers, beauty and personal care facilities, swimming pools, entertainment venues and animal facilities are required to request the first name and phone number of people that attend for more than 15 minutes. If provided, the facility operators must keep a secure record of those details, the date and time at which the person attended the facility (and if there are multiple indoor spaces, include the indoor space(s) which the person visited).

There are a number of industry guidelines, resources and other support materials on the Business Victoria website www.business.vic.gov.au/disputes-disasters-and-succession-planning/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-business-support

Enforcement of Restrictions

Directions will continue to be enforced through spot checks by Victoria Police and use of emergency powers by Authorised Officers to ensure compliance with the directions of the Deputy Chief Health Officer.

Industry bodies, Victoria Police, WorkSafe and Authorised Officers will work together to inform Victorians about the directions, as well as undertake enforcement and compliance activities as needed.

Community members can raise concerns about compliance with directions through the Police Assistance Line (PAL) on 131 444. Workers can raise concerns via Worksafe on 03 9641 1555. Employers can talk to their industry regulator or peak body for specific industry related support.

Council relief information hotline

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

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

Anyone requiring relief or information can phone Mansfield

COVID-19 UPDATE (cont.)

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES

COUNCIL MEETING 4 AUGUST 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Mansfield Shire Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 August 2020, commencing at 5.00pm.

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

1. Mansfield Shire Council Rating Strategy 2020-21;
2. Mansfield Shire Council Budget 2020-21 (including schedule of Fees and Charges);
3. Council Plan 2017-21 (2020 review) and Strategic Resource Plan.

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.

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT GOVERNANCE RULES

At the Council Meeting held on 21 July 2020, Council endorsed the release of the Draft Governance Rules for community engagement. Section 60 of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to adopt Governance Rules on or before 1 September 2020.

The Draft Governance Rules include:

- an outline on the procedures for Council Meetings and sets the rules of behaviour for those participating and present at the meeting;
- an outline on the process for the appointment of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- an Election Period Policy.

The Draft Governance Rules can be found on the Have Your Say engagement portal on Council's website - www.mansfield.vic.gov.au.

Have your say by making a written submission:

Council invites members of the public to make a written submission through the engagement portal. Alternatively, submissions by email must be sent to council@mansfield.vic.gov.au.

Public submissions will be received until close of business on **4 August 2020**.

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.

PUBLIC NOTICES (cont.)

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:

PUBLIC NOTICES (cont.)

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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

COME AND WORK FOR US - WE'RE HIRING!

Thanks to the generosity of State Government, we have a number temporary, 6 month employment opportunities available within Council across a variety of service areas.

If you've lost your job due to the impacts of COVID-19, have recently experienced a significant reduction in income, or are long term unemployed you could be eligible to apply for one of the fixed-term jobs advertised on the Sidekicker employment platform.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (cont.)

Through the Working for Victoria program, we've been allocated funding to employ people across a variety of roles for a six month period.

If you're looking for a job, jump onto the Sidekicker website – it's easy to register:

1. Go to www.sidekicker.com
2. Outline your experience and the kind of work you're looking for (you'll receive an activation email when your registration is processed).
3. Look for jobs that interest you
4. Apply for jobs that suit you.
5. We'll contact candidates (through Sidekicker) that have the relevant skills and experience to arrange an interview.

For more information on the Working for Victoria initiative, head on over to www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria

If you require any further details in relation to the above positions, please contact Moira Wells on 5775 8555.

All Working for Victoria roles advertised are temporary positions to connect workers with new opportunities that will help our community respond to COVID-19, and do not impact any current Council staff who are employed in on-going roles.

