

## 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

## 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 seventeenth update for the community. All previous updates are available on Council's website at [www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency](http://www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency) COVID19 continues to be a changing situation. This update was written and submitted to the Courier for publication on Friday 24 July. 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)

Follow the health advice and continue to practice good hygiene, wash your hands regularly, avoid touching your face and practice social distancing.

### 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](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19)

### Coronavirus worker support payment

Under the Coronavirus Worker Support Payment scheme, a one-off payment of \$1,500 is available to workers who are unable to work during their isolation, have no income during this period, and are not entitled to any paid sick leave, special pandemic leave or other income support. The scheme is also available to parents and guardians that have been instructed by the Department of Health and Human Services that their child under 16 is to self-isolate or quarantine at home because they are either diagnosed with Coronavirus (COVID-19) or are a close contact of a confirmed case.

The Government has extended this scheme to ensure that as soon as a person is tested, they will be eligible for a \$300 support payment – as long as they meet the eligibility of the existing scheme. For more information and a link to the application form visit: [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-worker-support-payment](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/covid-19-worker-support-payment)

### Face Masks

From 11:59pm on 22 July 2020 if you live in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire you must wear a face covering if you need to leave home for one of the four allowed reasons. If you live in metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire and you need to travel outside this area you must wear a face covering. If you live in other parts of Victoria, you must wear a face covering if you need to go to metropolitan Melbourne or Mitchell Shire for one of the four reasons: shopping for food and supplies, recreation or exercise, medical care and caregiving, and study or work.

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If you live in other parts of Victoria it is recommended you wear a face covering when you leave home and are in situations where it is difficult to maintain physical distance of 1.5 metres between yourself and others.

In metropolitan Melbourne and the Mitchell Shire infants and children under the age of 12 are not required to wear a face covering, and due to risk of choking it is not safe to use a mask on a child under two years of age. In other parts of Victoria the recommendation to wear a face covering does not apply to children and people aged under 18 years, individuals with breathing difficulties, and those who have physical conditions that make it difficult to wear a face covering.

A fine of \$200 may be issued to people who do not wear a face covering in metropolitan Melbourne or the Mitchell Shire and do not have a valid reason for exception. Outside of metropolitan Melbourne and Mitchell Shire there will be no enforcement on the use of face coverings. You will not be fined if you don't wear one.

There are some valid reasons for not wearing a face mask, these reasons along with other frequently asked questions are available on the DHHS website at [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/face-coverings-1159pm-wednesday-22-july)

### Daily case numbers

Daily case numbers are available on the Department of Health and Human Services website at [www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus](http://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus).

Under the latest Victorian numbers, you can click to view the full report. This report is an interactive daily report of confirmed cases on COVID-19 in Victoria. A confirmed case is a person who has a positive laboratory test and an active case is someone who has tested positive, is currently in isolation and being monitored by the department. The residential location in this report is the residential address provided when the case is notified. This is not where they were infected and may not be where the person currently resides.

### Jobkeeper Payment and Coronavirus Supplement payment

The JobKeeper Payment has been extended by six months to 28 March 2021 and the temporary Coronavirus Supplement for those on income support has been extended until 31 December 2020.

Both payments will have adjusted rates and people must meet eligibility requirements, some of which will be updated. These payments are also available to new eligible participants.

For more information about changes to the

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JobKeeper Payment, visit the ATO website. [www.ato.gov.au/General/JobKeeper-Payment/](http://www.ato.gov.au/General/JobKeeper-Payment/) Find out more about the Coronavirus Supplement and income support payments on the Services Australia website. [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/coronavirus-supplement](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/coronavirus-supplement)

### NSW – Victoria Border Closure

The NSW Government has established a strict new border zone, tightened permit conditions and stronger enforcement powers to further restrict entry to NSW for Victorians. From 22 July, new restrictions apply. For further information visit [www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit)

### 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 line 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, Mondays to Fridays 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](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.

## YOUR COUNCILLORS:

Cr Marg Attley OAM (Mayor) - Tolmie Ward  
Cr Peter Oliver (Deputy Mayor) – Mansfield Ward  
Cr Paul Sladdin – Bonnie Doon Ward

Cr Paul Volkering – Mansfield Ward  
Cr Harry Westendorp – Jamieson Ward

Enquiries for Councillors can be emailed to: [council@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT GOVERNANCE RULES

At its 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](http://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](mailto:council@mansfield.vic.gov.au).

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

## TENDERS

### 2020/21 PROVISION OF LABOUR HIRE SERVICES TO COUNCIL FOR THE MANSFIELD SWIMMING POOL

Council invites submission of tenders from registered labour hire organisations with suitable experience and resources to provide skilled and reliable labour to assist with the on-going needs of Council for the operation of the Mansfield Swimming Pool. This includes the hire of senior lifeguards, lifeguards and learn to swim teachers.

Tender documents must be downloaded and submitted via the eTender portal [www.tenderlink.com/Mansfield](http://www.tenderlink.com/Mansfield).

Tenders close at 200pm on Wednesday, 19 August 2020.

Any enquiry concerning this contract can be directed to Council's Community Development Team Leader, Kirsten Lingard on 5775 8534 or at [kirsten.lingard@mansfield.vic.gov.au](mailto:kirsten.lingard@mansfield.vic.gov.au)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### COMMUNITY CONNECTOR PROGRAM OFFICER FIXED TERM (6 MONTHS) FULL TIME

The Community Connector Program Officer is responsible for assisting the Community Services team to establish the COVID-19 Community Activation and Social Isolation initiative (CASI) to help maintain important connections with family, friends and community and to build new social connections and networks of support in their local communities. Remuneration will be based on Band 5 classification (\$33.54 per hour) of 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 10 August 2020. For a confidential discussion regarding the position contact Jane Diplock, Family Services and Partnerships Co-ordinator on 5775 8622.

