

TO REMEMBER:

Council meeting – Tuesday, 18 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 19th 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 7 August, 2020 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

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 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

\$300 coronavirus (COVID-19) test isolation payment

Victorian workers can apply for a \$300 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.

For information and to apply visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/employee-isolation-payment-covid-19>. For support to apply for the payment, you can call 1800 675 398 and select option 8.

Mansfield Shire coronavirus cases

To keep up to date with local developments, please refer to Council's Facebook page and the various agencies' social media channels. For statewide information, please refer to the DHHS website: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus>

Pandemic leave disaster payment

The pandemic leave disaster payment replaces the Victorian Government's \$1500 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Worker Support payment and is available to support Victorians who don't have any income because they must self-isolate or quarantine at home. 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
- the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services has told you to self-isolate or quarantine.

If you have to self-isolate more than once, you can claim this payment each time.

You can claim it over the phone by calling 180 22 66 between 8am-8pm Monday – Friday and 9am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday.

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

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

Stage 3 restrictions for regional Victoria

Under the Stage 3 – Stay at Home restrictions there are only four reasons that you can leave home:

- to shop for food and essential goods or services
- to provide care, for compassionate reasons or to seek medical treatment
- to exercise or for outdoor recreation with your household, or one other person
- for work or study, if you can't do it from home.

You must not travel into metropolitan Melbourne except for permitted work purposes, care and compassionate reasons or shopping for food and supplies.

Everyone must wear a mask when they leave home, unless an exception applies. This is enforceable across regional Victoria.

For more detail about Stage 3 restrictions, including work and study, cafes and restaurants, sport and exercise and travel, visit <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/stage-3-restrictions-covid-19>

Enforcement of restrictions

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. And employers can talk to their industry regulator or Peak body for specific industry related support.

Changes to Council services

With the return to Stage 3 restrictions, there are changes to a number of Council's services. For details see content below or visit www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency

Closed facilities

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

Council's Customer Service Centre, Visitor Information Centre and Youth centre

Council's Customer Service Centre, Visitor Information Centre and Youth Centre are 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
- To lodge any requests or complaints, please use the 'Submit a Request' tab on our website 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
- 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.
- For Visitor Information Centre enquiries, please ring 5775 7000 or email visitorinfo@mansfield.vic.gov.au
- For Youth Centre enquiries, please ring 5775 8567

Mansfield Library

The Mansfield Library will be 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.

Mansfield Resource Recovery Centre

In-line with Stage 3 restrictions, there are only four reasons that you can leave your home. Mansfield Shire Council has a domestic

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waste collection service, meaning that in most cases the disposal of material at the Resource Recovery Centre would not be a valid reason to leave your home.

The Resource Recovery Centre will be open to commercial operators and for properties who do not have a kerb side collection. If you require access to the Resource Recovery Centre, please call in advance. When disposing of material at the Mansfield Resource Recovery Centre, you will be required to provide evidence that you are a commercial operator or from a property that does not have a kerb side collection. You will also have to demonstrate that you have not travelled from, and that your waste material is not from, an area where Stage 4 restrictions apply.

The Mansfield Resource Recovery Centre can be contacted on 5775 8580 during the hours of:

9am to 5pm Monday, Saturday and Sunday

12 noon to 5pm Wednesday and Friday.

Closed Tuesday and Thursday

Alpine resorts closed to visitors

Stage 3 restrictions apply to the Victorian alpine resorts and as such they must not allow members of the public to enter the resorts. Accordingly, visitors will not be permitted to enter the Mt Buller & Mt Stirling Resorts and any breaches will be eligible for a significant fine.

Permanent residents, seasonal residents and on-mountain staff are permitted to remain living within the resorts and must comply with Stage 3 restrictions. The Resort Management Board will continue to provide core services through this time, although there may be some reductions such as the frequency. The playgrounds at Mirimbah and within the Mt Buller Village have been closed and ski lifts will not be operating.

Alpine National Park closed

The Alpine National Park is closed. The closure covers the entirety of the park, including Paradise Falls, Cobbler Lake and 7 Mile in our local area. Entry to the Alpine National Park is not permitted until further advised.

Parks Victoria will place signage at trails heads and entry points into the park advising of the closure.

Maintenance of essential infrastructure will still be permitted under the closure provided work crews entering the park comply with COVID-19 physical distancing and hygiene restrictions.

Business support fund

A State Government initiative providing one-off \$5000 grants to support businesses in regional Victoria impacted by Stage 3 restrictions are now in place.

Businesses which have already received a Business Support Fund - Expansion Grant, or have applied for one, will not need to re-apply. Successful applicants will automatically receive this additional allocation. Applications for the program will be extended until 14 September 2020.

For more information visit: <https://www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/business-support-package/business-support-fund>

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.

Applications to this fund are open from 13 July 2020 until the end of the current Stay at Home restrictions or when funds are exhausted.

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

TENDERS

RESEAL PREPARATION PROGRAM 2020-2021- CONTRACT NO. CM2021.003

Mansfield Shire Council invites suitably qualified and experienced contractors to submit tenders for the 2020-2021 road rehabilitation program.

Works include the stabilisation of sealed road pavement, kerb and channel replacement and reforming of open drains and shoulder grading.

Tender documents may be downloaded and submitted at the eTender portal www.tenderlink.com/Mansfield.

Tenders close 2pm, Monday 24 August 2020.

Any enquiry concerning the above tenders can be directed to Council's Interim Coordinator Capital Works Delivery, Caitlin Riley on 5775 853

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SERVICES - (FULL TIME FIXED TERM CONTRACT)

Reporting to the Chief Executive Officer, you will be an integral part of the Executive Team in shaping a progressive and sustainable future for Mansfield Shire Council through your leadership of a multi-disciplinary team encompassing:

- Governance & Risk
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Community Engagement
- Communications
- Customer Service & Records
- Community Services
- Community & Economic Development

This position is a dynamic and challenging blend of strategic leadership and operational management across the diverse Community & Corporate services portfolio.

If you fit the bill and want to contribute....then we have an exciting opportunity.

Please visit salcorp-hr.com.au for more information or call Christine on 0409 380 385.

Applications close 17 August 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

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