



TO REMEMBER:

Council meeting – Tuesday, 15 September, 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 23rd 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, 4 September.

The Victorian government was expected to deliver advice about its roadmap out of restrictions on Sunday, 6 September, so please be aware that 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.

Albury – Wodonga Border changes

The NSW government this week announced easing of restrictions on the Albury – Wodonga border, allowing for more free-flowing travel for those from communities up to 50km from the border.

The changes came into force on Friday, 4 September. You still require a permit to cross the border. For more details go to: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-covid-19-nsw-border-entry-permit>

JobKeeper extension and eligibility changes

In July, the Federal Government announced it is extending the JobKeeper Payment until 28 March 2021 and is targeting support to those businesses and not-for-profits which continue to be significantly impacted by COVID-19. From 28 September 2020, eligibility for the JobKeeper Payment will be based on actual turnover in the relevant periods, the payment will be stepped down and paid at two rates. More information can be found at: <https://www.ato.gov.au/general/JobKeeper-Payment/>

2020 supplementary volunteer grants

Volunteering Victoria, on behalf of the Australian Government, is pleased to offer the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants. Grants between \$1,000 to \$5,000 are available for volunteer organisations and community groups to support their volunteers and increase volunteer participation. Applications close 20 September. <http://www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/svg2020/>

Applications open for Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package

Applications close on 16 October for round two of the \$40 million Community Sport Sector Short-term Survival Package. The grants are available to help community sporting clubs and associations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding/our-grants/community-sport-sector-coronavirus-covid-19-short-term-survival-package>

Support for business

Business Recovery & Resilience Mentoring

A new business mentoring program is now available through the Victorian Government and the Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Through four 2-hour mentoring sessions, eligible business owners can receive tailored guidance on business recovery, market transformation, digital literacy and engagement, market and supply chain diversification, reskilling and retraining. Go to www.business.vic.gov.au and look for resilience mentoring.

Upskill My Business

Access free online courses and training events from Victoria's top education providers and industry experts, including Deakin University, LaTrobe University, MIT, and University of Melbourne. Upskill My Business offers courses that can help you regain ground if your business has been affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). Find more customers, better manage cash flow or just prepare for new market conditions. Go to <https://upskill.business.vic.gov.au/>

Hospitality business support

Support is now available to help Victorian hospitality businesses impacted by restrictions in place to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Victorian government is supporting the hospitality industry through three programs - the CBD Small Hospitality Grant, the Hospitality Business Grant Program and the Night-time Economy Business Support Initiative. All three programs are now open and taking grant applications.

Go to www.business.vic.gov.au

COVID-19 UPDATE (cont.)

New webinar to support home learning

The Victorian Government has organised a free webinar which will be held on Tuesday 15 September at 7:30pm with child psychologist Dr Michael Carr-Gregg to give parents and carers practical skills, knowledge and strategies for managing the lockdown period and remote learning.

The first webinar was held on 25 August – and following high demand, a second webinar Managing the Coronacoaster – Tips for building resilient families will be held, on Tuesday 15 September. Families will have an opportunity to ask Dr Carr-Gregg questions.

Go to Eventbrite.com.au and search for Managing the Coronacoaster.

Positive Parenting Program online

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program - can help you be a happier, less stressed parent, even during difficult times. It gives you ways to navigate family life more easily. Backed by hundreds of trials and studies, it's like the instruction manual your child didn't come with.

There are two options; one for parents of young children and one for parents of teens. The courses are free and available online for an immediate start. Go to: triplep.online/vic/

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

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.

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

SITUATIONS VACANT (cont.)

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 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

LOOKING FOR WORK?

Has your employment, or that of someone you know, been affected by COVID-19? Council is pleased to advise that it now has 14 part-time or full-time jobs available as part of the Working for Victoria program.

If you, or someone you know, has skills and experience in community care, community engagement, community recovery, cleaning, field services, library support or administration skills head over to the Working for Victoria website to apply.

These roles are for six months and funded by the Victorian government.

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

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 ongoing roles.

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