

COVID19 and Mansfield Shire Council



MANSFIELD SHIRE

This is the second in a weekly update for the community.

Public notices

COVID19 is a rapidly 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 Vic Emergency App and for regular updates and reliable advice visit www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Council's priority is the health and safety of both staff and the community as we continue to deliver key and vital services for our community.

The majority of Council's services are still operating. Bins are still being collected, roads and parks are being maintained, planning applications are being assessed and community members are continuing to be supported via programs such as Home and Community Care, Integrated Family Services and Financial Counselling.

Where it is possible working from home arrangements are in place and all Council staff remain contactable via both phone and email. To contact Council call 5775 8555 or email council@mansfield.vic.gov.au

CHANGES TO COUNCIL SERVICES

There have been changes to some Council services based on State and Federal advice for non-essential gatherings and social distancing.

The changes listed below are in addition to what was listed in the first weekly update. For a full list, you can keep up to date via the Emergency page on Council's website. www.mansfield.vic.gov.au/emergency and Council's Facebook Page [@mansfieldshirecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/mansfieldshirecouncil)

Playgrounds and the Skate Park

As per the Governments advice public areas including playgrounds and the skate park will be closed from 30 March 2020 until further notice

DrumMUSTER

The DrumMuster service at the Resource Recovery Centre is temporarily closed until further notice. Council is encouraging people to hold onto their drums and bring them in as soon as the service recommences.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council meetings are always open to the public. Given the COVID19 situation people are actively encouraged to participate by other methods. Council meetings will be livestreamed and broadcast on Radio Mansfield (99.7FM). We also offer a new online question form so that people can submit questions to Council ahead of the Council meeting. For more information and to submit a question visit Council's website.

VIRTUAL STORY-TIME @ MANSFIELD LIBRARY

Mansfield Library will offer a virtual mini Story-time every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tune into Council's YouTube Channel or Facebook Page to participate in a story with Sharyn, Susan or Justine from the Mansfield Library.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Council's Health and Wellbeing Team is contacting all aged care clients and other community members on the Mansfield Police Community Support Register, to check in and identify who in our community may need extra assistance.

We all have a role to play in supporting family, friends and our community. Mansfield Shire Council ask that the community be vigilant in staying connected and talking to one another via phone, especially those who do not have access to the internet or social media.

STAYING CONNECTED

5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community during the COVID19 response

1. Think of others, consider your actions and be kind

2. Connect and reach-out to your neighbours
3. Make the most of local on-line groups
4. Support vulnerable or isolated people
5. Share accurate information and advice

MENTAL HEALTH

It is reasonable for people to be concerned or even stressed about the coronavirus outbreak. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

The Australian Government Department of Health has set-up a dedicated webpage with information to support the community in manage mental health and wellbeing during this time. Visit: www.headtohealth.gov.au/covid-19-support/covid-19

#STAYATHOME

The latest advice from government is that Victorians should be staying at home and limiting their day-to-day activities outside their homes.

Mansfield Shire Council is asking all residents, permanent and non-permanent residents to #StayAtHome. If you consider your home is in the Mansfield Shire please stay at home, likewise if your home is elsewhere stay at home.

CAMPsites, CARAVAN PARKS AND CAMPING GROUNDS CLOSED

Effective from 11.59pm 25 March 2020, at the direction of the Chief Health Officer Victoria - campsites, caravan parks and camping grounds are closed to visitors.

The only people permitted to remain are:

- People who already have the caravan park registered as their primary place of residence; and
- People staying in caravan parks as interim accommodation where their primary residence is not available (including those of no fixed address and people placed in emergency housing by DHHS).

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