

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 2020

A Special Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Market Place, Hamilton on **Wednesday 1 April 2020**, commencing at **4:30pm**.

The purpose of this special meeting will be to consider a report to appoint an Acting Chief Executive should the need arise as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to consider a review of Council's delegations to the Chief Executive Officer in light of the current environment.

For the safety of the community, councillors and staff, and to ensure social distancing, all interested community members are encouraged to access the meeting online where it will be livestreamed, rather than attending the meeting in person.

Access to the live footage can be accessed by using the below link on **1 April 2020** at **4:30pm**.

<https://www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil/>

BUSINESS SUPPORT DURING COVID-19

Southern Grampians Shire Council is working hard to support Greater Hamilton businesses during COVID-19.

In this rapidly changing environment, the Economic Development and Tourism Unit has acquired additional human, financial and service-related resources to help our business community. More information is available at visitgreaterhamilton.com.au.

Southern Grampians Shire Council have also established a new Facebook Group; **Greater Hamilton Business & Tourism Group - COVID-19** for communication between business, Southern Grampians Shire Council and our Visitor Services network, which businesses are encouraged to join.

Contact the Economic Development Team on 0429 578 216 or 5573 0444 for more information.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 RESPONSE: UPDATE ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

Please note information current at time of printing Saturday 28 March 2020. For more and up-to-date information, please visit Council website at sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or contact Council on 5573 0444.

SERVICE	OPERATION
Customer Service Centres	Brown Street and Market Place offices will be closed to the public but staff are on hand to take enquiries over the phone 5573 0444 or via email council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au .
Visitor Information Centres	Closed
Hamilton Gallery	Closed
Hamilton Cinema	Closed
Hamilton Library	Closed. Scheduled events and programming, including school holiday programs will not proceed. This includes the Greater Hamilton Mobile Library. Digital Services are still available to borrow through library memberships. Items currently on loan will not have a due date and overdue fines will not apply during this close down period. Out of hours return chute is currently open for returns.
Hamilton Performing Arts Centre	Closed. Upcoming events have been cancelled. Contact the PAC on 5573 0429 to access a refund for tickets purchased.
Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre	Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre (and all associated facilities and programs including Vitality Gym), and all outdoor pools throughout the Shire will be closed.
Outdoor Pools	Closed, including early morning swimming.

SERVICE	OPERATION
Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange	Will remain operational however access to HRLX weekly sales will be limited to buyers, stock agents, transport operators and council staff. The general public will not be able to attend, even if they are sellers at the sale.
Home and Community Care Services	Operating as normal.
Meals on Wheels	Service continues to operate as normal, however meals will be delivered to clients by Council staff only.
Senior Citizens Centre	Flu vaccination programs will not be provided through the senior citizens centres this year, to avoid large gathering of at risk persons in one place.
Family Day Care	Family Day Care will remain available until the Department of Education advises that the service should not be operated.
HILAC Occasional Care	Closed
Maternal and Child Health	Phone only basis. Anyone who had a scheduled appointment will be contacted by the Maternal Child Health nurses. If face-to-face appointments are required (immunisations, key age and stage appointments) 15 minute appointments will be scheduled. If you are unwell please reschedule your appointment. Contact the Frances Hewitt Community Centre on 5551 8450 for concerns or queries.
L2P Program	Suspended
Council Meetings and Engagement Sessions	The April Council Meeting, scheduled to be held in Mirranatwa, will now be held in Hamilton. While this meeting is still open to the public, it is anticipated it be live streamed via council's Facebook page and we would strongly encourage you to engage with the meeting in this format. All other Council organised engagement sessions and events (eg Listening Posts, community meetings) will also be cancelled for the foreseeable future.
DISA Festival 2020	Cancelled
Regulatory Services	Market Place office will be closed to the public. Services will be by appointment only. Please contact 5573 0227.
Kerbside Waste and Recycling Services	Services will continue as normal.
Transfer Stations (Hamilton and all towns)	Closed to the general public but remaining open to account holders and commercial operators. Anyone who is adversely affected should contact 5573 0444 to discuss.
Council Operated Caravan Parks: Penshurst and Coleraine	Closed to the general public. Permanent residents and those placed in caravan parks by DHHS as emergency housing will not be impacted by these closures.
Playgrounds	Playgrounds and skate parks across the Shire will be closed til further notice from 26 March 2020.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Southern Grampians Shire Council aims to attract and retain skilled, loyal and dedicated people by offering work-based training opportunities, flexible working arrangements and providing a great work / life balance. Our organisation is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to child safety. We currently have the following employment opportunities available:

- **SCHOLARSHIP - CIVIL ENGINEERING**
- **SENIOR STRATEGIC PLANNER**

For further information and a copy of the position description, contact 5573 0431 or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.