

HAMILTON TRANSFER STATION OPEN SATURDAYS

The Hamilton Transfer station **will be open Saturdays** to help community members across the Shire dispose of waste, green waste and recycling during COVID-19. Normal Saturday opening times apply **9.30am - 4.15pm**.

Limits will be placed on the number of people let inside the gates at any one time, so please expect some delays. Please stay in your car while waiting for entry.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS ONLY. No cash will be accepted.

In line with social distancing regulations, please the limit number of people in your own vehicle when visiting the transfer station (i.e. please leave the kids at home).

This applies to the Hamilton Transfer Station only, and will remain in place for as long as it is possible to do so under the Government COVID-19 restrictions.

Please note. Transfer stations in outer townships (Cavendish, Balmoral, Coleraine, Peshurst, Dunkeld, Glenthompson and Branxholme) are closed to the general public but remain open to account holders and commercial operators on weekdays.

HAMILTON AND TOWNSHIPS KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS - EASTER

Council wishes to advise the garbage, recycling and organic waste collections scheduled for **Friday 10 April 2020** will be picked up a day later than normal on **Saturday 11 April 2020**.

All other collections remain unchanged. Please ensure that bins are put out the night before.

HAMILTON KERBSIDE COLLECTIONS - ANZAC DAY

Council wishes to advise that ANZAC Day falls on a Saturday and therefore Kerbside collections will be collected as usual.

For further information on Southern Grampians Shire Good Friday/Easter/ANZAC Day Waste Services arrangements, please call Southern Grampians Shire Council Customer Service on 5573 0444 or visit our website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING - HAMILTON

Council reminds residents that the next Council Meeting on **Wednesday 8 April 2020**, will be held in Hamilton.

The Meeting will take place at the Council Chambers, 3 Market Place, Hamilton at **5.30pm**.

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 is will be livestreamed, rather than attending the meeting in person.

Access to the live footage can be accessed by using the below link on **8 April 2020** at **5:30pm**.

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

SUPPORT FOR BUSINESS DURING COVID-19

Council has created a new COVID-19 web page to assist Greater Hamilton businesses through this pandemic: www.businessgreaterhamilton.com.au

Here you will find:

- A quick reference guide summarising available financial packages and eligibility criteria
- Business Support Bulletins, outlining Council initiatives such as 1:1 support, subsidised websites plus 3rd party opportunities and resources
- Up-to-date local business and service listings
- A resource hub containing articles, tutorials and online training opportunities

Local industry are also encouraged to join the '**Greater Hamilton Business & Tourism - Covid-19 Facebook Group**' to stay connected during this challenging time.

GATE CLOSURE AT 131 GRAY STREET, HAMILTON

Residents are advised that Corriedale Lane will be closed from **7.00am** on **Friday 10 April 2020** until **7.00am** **Saturday 11 April 2020**.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 15 April from 1.00pm – 2.30pm

The following has been placed on the Agenda for discussion:

TP/114/2019 - Variation to Covenant PS709028D (building envelope Lot 3), 1 Edradour View HAMILTON; Lot: 3 PS: 709028 Par: HAMILTON SOUTH

To maintain social distancing and ensure the safety of councillors and staff this meeting will be held via video conference.

CONTRACTS AND QUOTATIONS

| No. | Name | Closing |
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| 13-20 | Provision of Internal Audit Services | 2.00pm Wednesday 6 May 2020 |

Tender documents, including a detailed specification will be available to download from the Council's website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au and submitted electronically via the e-tendering portal.

CORONAVIRUS COVID-19 RESPONSE: UPDATE ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

Please note information current at time of printing Saturday 4 April 2020. For more and up-to-date information, please visit Council website on sthgrampians.vic.gov.au or contact Council on 5573 0444.

The following measures will be implemented as of 5.00pm Friday 20 March 2020.

| SERVICE | OPERATION |
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| 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. |
| 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 | Operating as normal. |
| 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 with the exception of Easter. Easter changes are as advertised - see left. |
| Transfer Stations (Hamilton and all towns) | Hamilton Transfer Station open Saturdays only 9.30am - 4.15pm. Other Shire Transfer Stations are closed to the general public but remain open to account holders and commercial operators on weekdays. Anyone who is adversely affected should contact 5573 0444 to discuss. |