

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE: UPDATE ON COUNCIL OPERATIONS

With the reopening of a number of Council services, processes including increased cleaning measures to help improve staff and customer safety have been implemented across facilities to reduce, where possible, opportunities for contact. Please see the following table for updated service details and opening hours.

Council thanks all residents for their patience over the last few months and for continuing to support one another during this challenging time. Council will continue to work on reopening other impacted services and will provide information on those as soon as it is available.

Council remains committed to help slow the spread of COVID-19 within our community, to protect our staff, volunteers and visitors, and to play our role in the national response to limiting transmissions during this pandemic and be guided by the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services about appropriate actions going forward.

Information correct at time of printing 6 June 2020.

**Council is still here to help you.** Visit [sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) for impacts on Council services or contact Council on 5573 0444 or via email at [council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) for more information.

SERVICE	OPERATION
<b>Customer Service Centres</b>	Open Monday to Friday 8:15am - 5:00pm. Residents can continue to make enquiries via phone 5573 0444 or via email at <a href="mailto:council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au">council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au</a> .
<b>Hamilton Library</b>	Open from Tuesday 9 June 2020 with revised opening hours. Monday to Friday 10:00am - 4:00pm. Closed Saturday.
<b>Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre</b>	Open from Monday 22 June 2020. Revised opening hours - Monday to Friday 6:00am - 8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am - 5:00pm. The aquatic area will close at 7:30pm Monday to Thursday and 6:30pm Friday as per normal operations, and 4:30pm Saturday and Sunday.
<b>Playgrounds</b>	Open as of 26 May 2020.
<b>Transfer Stations (Hamilton and all towns)</b>	Open with revised operating hours. Transfer Stations will accept electronic payments only - no cash payments will be accepted. Revised opening hours are available on the Council website.
<b>Hamilton Gallery</b>	Open from 22 June 2020. Revised opening hours - 10:00am - 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. Saturday open from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Numbers will be limited to 20 people at a time.
<b>Hamilton Cinema</b>	Open from 2 July 2020. Bookings essential and numbers strictly limited.

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

A Planning Committee meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday 17 June 2020 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm.**

The following has been placed on the Agenda for discussion:

TP/30/2020 – Seven (7) lot subdivision, Lot 2 on LP 147662, Victoria Valley Road Dunkeld

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

## COMPULSORY FOGO WASTE COLLECTION STARTS 1 JULY 2020

Council reminds residents that the compulsory Food and Garden Organic Waste (FOGO) collection service will commence **Wednesday 1 July 2020.**

Residents can check bin collection dates by visiting the Council website and entering the property address at <http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/Files/Waste/WasteProperties.html>.

The 'optional' dates listed on the calendars sent out with the bins refers to collection dates for those who currently have the optional service in place.

For more information about the new FOGO waste service contact Council on 5573 0444 or visit [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO).

## COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK PROCESS

Southern Grampians Shire Council has recently undertaken to prepare a Community Infrastructure Framework.

Key objectives for the framework will be to:

- Align key functions across Council that have responsibility or needs relating to the planning and delivery of community services and facilities;
- Develop a repeatable planning approach that can be applied to established areas and new developments for a broad range of service and facility types;
- Create in-house resources (staff, data, tools, documents) able to support service and facilities planning across Council in a manner that can respond to changing circumstances over long-term planning horizons;
- Establish an evidence base about current and future community needs for services and facilities, taking account of population forecasts, changing community needs and expectations, Council and other service provider's capacity and funding, and Council's long-term strategic planning objectives;
- Inform the development of long-term integrated social infrastructure plans and policies.

This project will occur over a number of phases (likely over a period of one - two years), the first key stage being data collection on all building assets. As this work progresses further updates including opportunities for stakeholder engagement will be provided. Once completed, the work will provide invaluable data to inform strategic planning within each of the Shire's settlements and districts.

A draft process document which more fully explains the project is now available at [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay) and comments should be sent to Andrew Goodsell, Director Planning and Development via email [agoodsell@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:agoodsell@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) or to Locked Bag 685 Hamilton VIC 3300 by **Monday 6 July 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:

- **SENIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER | MANAGER SHIRE STRATEGY AND REGULATION**
- **PROJECT ENGINEER | FIXED TERM CONTRACT**

For further information and a copy of the position description, contact 5573 0431 or visit [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au).