

## COUNCIL MEETING - 13 MAY 2020

A Council Meeting will be held in Council Chambers, Market Place, Hamilton, on Wednesday **13 May 2020**, commencing 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 it will be livestreamed, rather than attending the meeting in person.

Footage can be accessed by clicking on the below link on 13 May 2020 at 5:30pm.

[www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil/](https://www.facebook.com/southerngrampiansshirecouncil/)

## POOL AND SPA REGISTRATIONS DUE 1 JUNE 2020

If you own a pool or spa, it must be registered with Council by **1 June 2020**.

As of 1 December 2019, new regulations came into effect to improve swimming pool and spa safety across the State. This includes new registration, inspection and certification requirements for property owners.

Owners are now required to register pools and spas with Council and to obtain and lodge a 'Certificate of Pool and Spa Barrier Compliance' for the safety of pool or spa barriers every four years.

To do this, pool and spa owners need to engage a building surveyor or building inspector who can carry out an inspection and provide a certificate confirming that barriers comply with safety requirements.

Once the pool or spa has been registered, Council will notify owners of the due date for the first certificate of pool barrier compliance. Owners are required to arrange an inspection and lodge the certificate with Council by the due date.

Register your pool or spa at [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/swimmingpoolregister](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/swimmingpoolregister)

Contact Council on 5573 0444 for more information.

## CONTRACTS AND QUOTATIONS

No.	Name	Closing
Q507-20	Lighting System Renewal	2.00pm Friday 15 May 2020

Quotation documents, including a full specification are available to download from the Council's website [www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) and submitted electronically via the e-tendering portal.

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

To remain in line with the extended Victorian State of Emergency as announced on 12 April 2020, the following changes to Council services will remain in place until at least **close of business Friday 15 May 2020**. Council will continue to be guided by the Victorian Government and the Department of Health and Human Services about appropriate actions going forward.

The Council has taken these steps as a precautionary measure 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.

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

Please note information was current at time of printing Saturday 9 May 2020. For more and up-to-date information, please visit Council website on [sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](http://sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) or contact Council on 5573 0444.

The following measures have been implemented as of 5.00pm Friday 20 March 2020.

SERVICE	OPERATION
<b>Customer Service Centres</b>	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 <a href="mailto:council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au">council@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au</a> .
<b>Visitor Information Centres</b>	Visitor Information Centres are closed to the public but staff are on hand to take enquiries over the phone (1800 807 056) or email ( <a href="mailto:hvic@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au">hvic@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au</a> ). Updates are available via <a href="http://www.visitgreaterhamilton.com.au">www.visitgreaterhamilton.com.au</a> .
<b>Hamilton Gallery</b>	Closed.
<b>Hamilton Cinema</b>	Closed.
<b>Hamilton Library</b>	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.
<b>Hamilton Performing Arts Centre</b>	Closed.

SERVICE	OPERATION
<b>Hamilton Indoor Leisure and Aquatic Centre</b>	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.
<b>Outdoor Pools</b>	Closed, including early morning swimming.
<b>Hamilton Regional Livestock Exchange</b>	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.
<b>Home and Community Care Services</b>	Operating as normal.
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	Service continues to operate as normal, however meals will be delivered to clients by Council staff only.
<b>Senior Citizens Centre</b>	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.
<b>Family Day Care</b>	Family Day Care will remain available until the Department of Education advises that the service should not be operated.
<b>HILAC Occasional Care</b>	Closed.
<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>	Phone only basis. 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 Hewett Community Centre on 5551 8480 for concerns or queries.
<b>L2P Program</b>	Suspended.
<b>Council Meetings and Engagement Sessions</b>	The next Council Meeting will be held Wednesday 13 May 2020. The meeting will be live-streamed via council's Facebook page see as advertised. We 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.
<b>Playgrounds</b>	Closed.
<b>Regulatory Services</b>	Market Place office will be closed to the public. Services will be by appointment only. Please contact 5573 0227.
<b>Kerbside Waste and Recycling Services</b>	Services will continue as normal.
<b>Transfer Stations (Hamilton and all towns)</b>	Hamilton Transfer Station open Saturdays 9.30am - 4.15pm and Wednesdays 8:00am - 4:00pm. Other Shire Transfer Stations are closed to the general public but remain open to account holders and commercial operators on weekdays only. Anyone who is adversely affected should contact 5573 0444 to discuss.
<b>Lake Hamilton</b>	All public boat ramps, piers and jetties are closed for recreational boating and fishing. This does not apply to commercial or emergency boating. Piers and jetties are still permitted to be used by walkers or people actively exercising. People are permitted to canoe, kayak, row or paddleboard for exercise, so long as this activity is undertaken alone and that any equipment used by a subsequent person is appropriately cleaned and disinfected.
<b>Caravan Parks (Penshurst and Coleraine)</b>	Closed

## 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:

- ADMINISTRATION OFFICER - BUILDING**

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).