



MEDIA RELEASE

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COVID-19 update – Council Meeting, Wednesday 25 March, 2020 – closure to the public

The health and safety of our community, Councillors and staff is Huon Valley Council's number one priority and we are putting measures in place to respond to the outbreak of COVID-19 (novel coronavirus).

In addition to measures put in place for a number of Council events, meetings and sites, measures have been put in place for the safe holding of Council meetings.

The Ordinary Council Meeting of Wednesday 25 March, 2020 will continue to be held at 6pm in the Council Chambers as scheduled.

The meeting will though be closed to, and held in the absence of, the public. This will ensure the health and safety of Councillors, Council employees and the community who may be most at risk of serious infection from the virus are protected from the opportunities for transmission of the virus.

Council does not make this decision lightly and is aware of concern that this may cause within the community. Council is therefore ensuring that there are still opportunities provided for community involvement in the meeting.

Any persons wishing to ask a question at the Council meeting can forward their question in writing to the Council by email to legal.pa@huonvalley.tas.gov.au. Questions must be received by 4pm on the day of the meeting.

Where questions can be answered, the question and answer will be recorded at the meeting. Where questions cannot be answered, the question will be taken on notice and answered at the next Council meeting.

The Council meeting will also continue to be recorded and a copy of the audio will be placed onto the Council website as soon as practicable after the meeting. Copies of Draft Minutes from the meeting will also be made available on the website.

The meeting will consider the following matters listed on the Council meeting agenda:

- General Reports

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- Response to the Minister for Local Government - Implementation of the Ministerial Directions
- Huon Valley Mountain Bike Feasibility Study
- Financial Report
- Building and Plumbing Fees
- Community Engagement Summary Report on Mountain River Hall Playground, Mountain River Road, Mountain River
- Draft Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan
- Franklin Foreshore Rehabilitation and Development
- Update Report on the Community Engagement of Cygnet Caravan Park (Guys Road, Cygnet)
- 2020 Volunteer Service Awards
- Greg Norris Memorial Health Scholarship 2020

The Council meeting agenda, reports and attachments can be viewed on the Council's website: <https://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/council/meetings/>

Should you have any issues or concerns arising from matters on the agenda it is recommended that you contact a Councillor to raise the issue.

We thank the community for their understanding during this time.

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