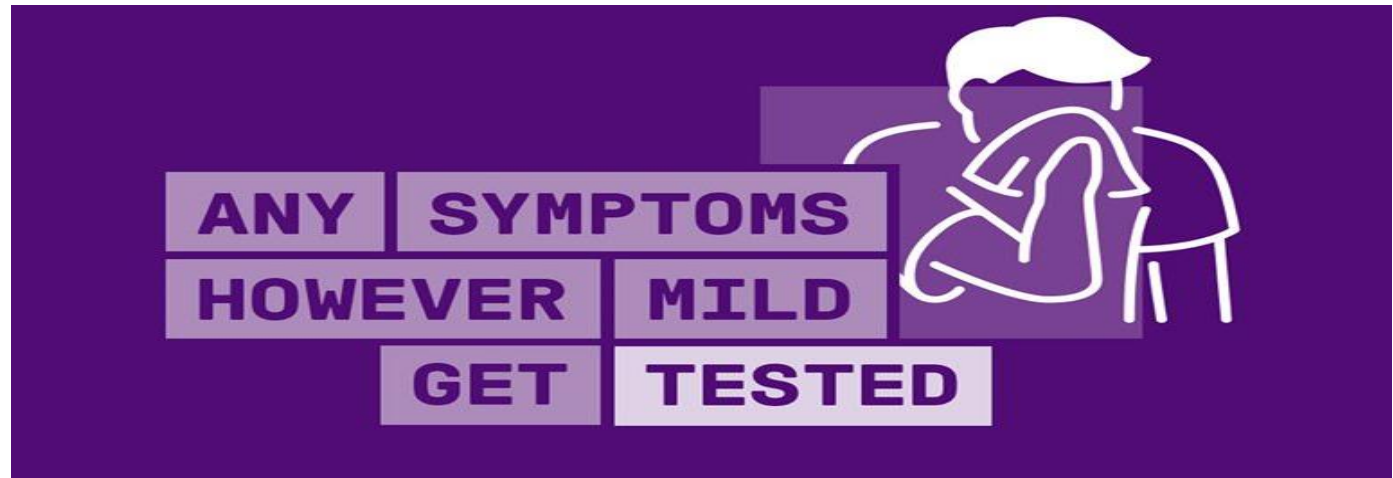


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Cr Geoff Ellis, Cr Clare Le Serve, Cr Bruce Kent



Next Ordinary Meeting of Council

The next Ordinary Council Meeting will be held virtually on August 19 2020 beginning at **1.00pm**. It will be open to the public via livestream.

Want to ask a question?

Question Time is your chance to ask about what Council is doing.

Questions must be submitted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to enable a thorough and informed response.

Please send your questions directly to the Governance Officer
l.harmer@basscoast.vic.gov.au

The draft minutes, and the you tube recording, of the July meeting, are available at

<https://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/about-council/council-meetings>

Next Special Meeting of Council – Budget Submissions

Will be held virtually on Wednesday 29th July

We have received 31 submissions and this meeting will hear 10 people who wish to speak to their submissions.

Following this meeting the Council will consider any changes to the Proposed 2020/2021 Budget for presentation to the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 19 August

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the first Australians. We recognise that Bass Coast is situated on the lands of the Bunurong, Boon-wurrung members of the Kulin Nation. We offer our respect to their Elders and through them all Aboriginal and Torres Strait

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Arts and Culture Advisory Committee,
South East Australian Transport Study,
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Do you have any questions about our Community Grants Program, or are you considering applying for a grant?

Then you might like to attend our online (via GoToMeeting) information session at 10.30am on Monday, 3 August.

You will need to register for the session by 5.00pm Friday, 31 July, by calling our Community Grants and Project Officer on (03) 5671 2412 or emailing grantenquiry@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

For more information on the Grants Program, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/communitygrants.



Our Working for Victoria recruits have already got their hands dirty with our new Revegetation Officers taking on planting of 27,000 indigenous plants in the Bass Hills, to revegetate an entire bare hillside. This will increase the biodiversity of the area and improve water quality before it flows into Western Port Bay.

They will also be removing woody weeds from around a large wetland and assisting the South Gippsland Conservation Society with revegetation at a bushland reserve in Wonthaggi. Since launching in April, the Victorian Government's \$500 million Working for Victoria program has supported more than 8,500 workers into new roles. For more information or to register for Working for Victoria go to vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria.



Rags 2 Riches

We want your old clothes, towels, manchester etc



Connecting2Australia is seeking your support to reduce the amount of recyclable materials that go to landfill.

Our newly created Rags 2 Riches Program will take your old towels, t-shirts & sheets and re-purpose them into useable rags for local businesses.



Your generous donation helps support C2A provide ongoing support to people living with disability in the greater Bass Coast region.

We want your old clothes!

Contact Michele on
0418 733 798 to arrange
collections of your
donations.

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“Think about how they had to face end of life, alone without their family to comfort them. Alone in a hospital room on a ventilator and suffering fever and pain with no one to hold their hand. Would you want that for your parents, grandparents, or friends?”

Please do the right thing. You know what to do.” I’ve been haunted by that image since I read that on a Waterline social media page the other day.

Wear a mask. Wear a mask, keep your distance and wash your hands. Stay home if you can. Get tested if you have ANY doubt and then follow the rules about isolation.

Alongside the need for caution it is heartening to see more and more people taking charge of technology to keep connected via social media and Zoom. More community groups are meeting virtually, and several on-line AGMs are planned for August.

We used to spend half the day in the car.

Last Wednesday Crs Kent, Le Serve and I attended a dozen Zoom, Teams or GoTo briefings. They mostly went without a hitch, except for my dog wanting to join in.

The best advice I have received about virtual meeting glitches is not to stress, it’s happened to everyone. Just do remember to un-mute your mic when you speak.

Our last update included the timetable for this year’s Council elections.

Four years ago there were plenty of opportunities to door knock, stand on street corners and attend meet the candidate events.

This year? Looks like it will mostly be online and I wonder what will evolve as the ballot approaches. Watch this space.

Things are more intricate now. We spend more time in the queue and along with the people behind the checkout, the cleaners, the hospital staff and the person behind you we are all in this together. A few kind words can make some one’s day.

I guess the overriding theme of my community conversations this week can be summed up as “think of your loved ones and do whatever it takes to make sure they don’t end up on that ventilator.”

Salutations,



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