

Murrindindi Community Events Frequently Asked Questions Online Consultation Forum

Scheduling of events and working together

How will Council assist to coordinate events as restrictions ease?

Let's work together to schedule events as restrictions begin to relax. We encourage event organisers to network and discuss their plans. We are keen to help support groups to resolve event scheduling where required. Given that there's no current information on restriction changes beyond those proposed for 21 June, all event organisers should remain flexible at this time in the scheduling of their event dates.

Council has added a draft event schedule of proposed events that have been advised to us on Council's website - <https://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Coronavirus-Disease-COVID-19/Tourism-and-Events#section-3> You can add you event to this calendar by emailing events@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Training

Will there be any training and other support available to help community groups with events?

Council is exploring how we can best support community groups to adapt to the changes COVID-19 has created and build capacity including volunteer recruitment and support. This may include opportunities for training for online promotion and engagement.

Community groups can also apply for funds through the Grants and Contributions program to support their training needs, for further information see –

<https://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Grants/Murrindindi-Shire-Council-Grants-and-Contributions-Program>

Restrictions

What restrictions will be in place around events?

Restrictions will continue to change over the next few months, we encourage you to check updates on the DHHS website to keep up to date with changes, see -

<https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/victorias-restriction-levels-covid-19>

There is no limit on regional Victorian travel and overnight stays in accommodation will be allowable from 1 June 2020 where there are no shared facilities.

Major events planning

Are there plans to push for further major events?

Council will continue to look for suitable opportunities and partnerships with major event organisers to bring suitable events to Murrindindi Shire such as the Lake Eildon Boating and Fishing Show. Events will play an important role in the recovery period to attract visitors back to the region..

Regional Tourism Board Partnerships

What is the future for Murrindindi Shire's partnership with Regional Tourism Boards?

Council is currently awaiting the Regional Tourism Review report to be released which will outline our future tourism board alignment. In the interim there will be some opportunity to

work with current boards which we are currently pursuing to help with tourism recovery and business support.

Business and Community Recovery

How is Council working with Community and Business to develop Community Recovery and Business Recovery plans?

Council has established a Business Advisory Committee to support business recovery planning and delivery, there are a number of representatives from the Business community on the Committee. Urban Enterprise has been engaged to assist in the development of this plan. A consultation session has been held with businesses across Murrindindi Shire, feedback received at this consultation will be used in developing the Business Recovery plan.

Council is working with a range of health and community support agencies and groups to develop a community recovery plan. We will be holding a community engagement session soon to hear directly from community members and groups about their recovery needs. This information will form the basis of recovery activities and assist us to build a plan that reflects what the community needs.

Grants and financial support

How will Council support community events?

Council has committed \$500,000 to support business and community recovery.

As part of this, Council is currently its grants program and how it can support a range of community and business recovery activities, including events. Further details on this will be available soon.

Can I apply for fee waivers or reduction for facility hire?

Community groups can already apply for fee reductions for the use of Council-operated community facilities through the existing Grants and Contributions program – <https://www.murrindindi.vic.gov.au/Our-Services/Grants/Murrindindi-Shire-Council-Grants-and-Contributions-Program>

If you didn't find the information you're looking for here, or you have further questions or a specific event you would like to talk about, please contact Council.