

POOL AND SPA REGISTRATIONS DUE 1 NOVEMBER 2020

Council reminds property owners if you own a pool or spa, it must be registered with Council by **1 November 2020**. Pool and spa owners were provided an extension for the registration of pools and spas from 1 June to 1 November 2020 due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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
Contact Council on 5573 0444 for more information.

FOGO CONTAMINATION - KNOW YOUR BINS

Council reminds residents the Food Organics and Garden Organics or FOGO bin is the kerbside waste collection service for food and garden waste. The service is an easy way for households to actively make a positive difference to the environment as around 56% of rubbish in garbage bins is typically organic food and garden waste.

The collection of FOGO material reduces the amount of waste going to landfill, decreases greenhouse gas emissions and produces quality compost that goes back into the environment on farms.

Whilst there is a variety of items that can go into the FOGO bin such as meat bones, egg shells, oyster and prawn shells as well as fruit and vegetable scraps, coffee grounds, tea bags, grass clippings and garden prunings, there are a number of items which **CAN NOT** go into the FOGO bin.

By adding non-compostable waste such as glass, plastic bags, aerosol cans, fabrics, plastic bottles, nappies and general waste, these items can risk contaminating the compost which is used as a soil improver on farms and gardens. Contamination can also create a litter problem with loose plastics blown around our region.

After the FOGO is collected from residents' homes, it is transferred to a different truck for transportation. This process allows staff to see the contamination levels within the FOGO waste. Items such as full bags of general household rubbish, bed sheets and plastic bags have unfortunately been discovered amongst FOGO material. The added process of sorting through contaminated waste takes time and therefore adds to ratepayers costs as contaminated waste sent to the EPA-licensed composter may be rejected if contamination rates are high.

Residents are reminded to please do your bit for the environment and use the recycling or yellow lidded bin for your recyclable items such as plastic containers, glass, paper, cardboard and metal containers. Use the general waste or red lidded bin (or small dark green lidded bin) for general waste and everyday household rubbish. Council has a great range of resources at sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO to assist residents in understanding waste and their correct bin.

For more information about FOGO or other waste services contact Council on 5573 0444 or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO for more information.

KNOW YOUR KITCHEN CADDY

The Kitchen Caddy is a great way to collect food scraps. It is important to know that not all biodegradable bags are suitable for lining the Kitchen Caddy. Residents can purchase the correct compostable liner bags from Council for \$5 per roll of 75 bags or from some supermarkets. Compostable liners have a seedling logo as pictured. Kitchen Caddies can also be lined with newspaper or paper towel or no liner at all. For more information regarding liners, visit sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO or contact Council on 5573 0444.



WASTE SERVICE EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL

Council has a range of helpful resources and information materials available online to assist residents in understanding the new FOGO service. Resources include:

- What goes in which bin?
- FOGO A-Z Guide
- What liner should I use in my kitchen caddy?
- Easy English guide to FOGO
- FOGO-In the Know - Food and Garden Waste Guide
- Frequently Asked Questions

Visit sthgrampians.vic.gov.au/FOGO for more information.



FOGO MOVES TO WEEKLY COLLECTION SERVICE

FOGO kerbside collection service has moved to a weekly pick up for the duration of Spring (1 September 2020 - 30 November 2020) to cater for the increase in garden waste such as grass clippings and garden prunings.

Collection services for general waste and recycling will remain on their usual collection cycle and will not be impacted by the extra FOGO collection.

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CONTRACTS AND QUOTATIONS

No.	Name	Closing
Q521-20	Parker Street, Dunkeld Timber Footbridge Maintenance Works	2.00pm Monday 21 September 2020

Tender documents, including a full specification are available to download from the Council's website www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au and submitted electronically via the e-tendering portal.

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:

- **COORDINATOR DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION | FULL-TIME**
- **COORDINATOR IT SERVICES | FULL-TIME**

For further information and a copy of the position description, contact 5573 0431 or visit www.sthgrampians.vic.gov.au.