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Public gallery reopens for Council meetings

The Huon Valley Council will again be allowing community members to attend Council meetings, starting with its 19 May 2021 meeting onwards.

“When COVID-19 began, our Council and eventually all Tasmanian councils needed to close council meetings to the public to comply with Public Health requirements and help keep everyone safe,” said Acting Mayor Sally Doyle.

“Our meetings have since been held via live stream, with Councillors connecting remotely at first and later meeting in person at the Council Chambers at 40 Main Street, Huonville, with social distancing measures in place.”

Public Health currently requires staff and venue attendees to maintain physical distancing where practicable.

Council has made the decision to allow a limited public gathering of 8 people at Council meetings.

“The Local Government Association of Tasmania has advised that two-thirds of Tasmanian councils are back to having a public gallery with limited numbers, bearing in mind that most councils have larger spaces for meetings than our Chambers.

“A cap of 8 attendees will ensure we are meeting current physical distancing requirements and maximum density limits,” said Cr Doyle.

“Community members will be able to book their seat on Eventbrite from noon on the Monday before the meeting. We’ll be sharing the Eventbrite link on our website, social media and e-newsletter.

“People who don’t have internet access can call Council on 03 6264 0300 while Eventbrite bookings are open and our Customer Service team will be able to process their Eventbrite booking on their behalf.”

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