



GUIDE TO SUMMER: MAINTENANCE, BUSHFIRE PREPAREDNESS AND ACTIVITIES

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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) INFORMATION

THE INFORMATION BELOW IS CURRENT AT 16 OCTOBER 2020 AND WILL BE UPDATED AS PUBLIC HEALTH ADVICE IS UPDATED BY THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT.

BUSINESSES

Please refer to the Victorian Government's current guidance for business owners and managers.

Of particular interest to Mt Hotham businesses will be the following information:

- Accommodation and food services - [SEE MORE](#)
- Retail trade (goods) - [SEE MORE](#)
- Retail trade (services) - [SEE MORE](#)
- Housing (including apartments and multi-dwelling properties with shared facilities) - [SEE MORE](#)

RESIDENTS & VISITORS

Please refer to the Victorian Government's current information about their Coronavirus (COVID-19) Roadmap for Reopening, which includes current restrictions. To view the Roadmap click [HERE](#).

MEDICAL CARE

24/7 Coronavirus Hotline - 1800 675 398

If you suspect you may have coronavirus (COVID-19) call the dedicated hotline – open 24 hours, 7 days. Please keep Triple Zero (000) for emergencies only.

Over summer, Mt Hotham Medical Centre does not operate. The closest medical facilities are in Bright and Omeo. You can also call 000 in an emergency.

Bright Medical Centre

115 Gavan Street, Bright
Ph: 03 5750 1000
Open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.
No weekend services.

Omeo Medical Centre

12 Easton Street, Omeo
Ph: 03 5159 0140 (24 hours).
Open Mon & Wed 9am-12pm, 2pm-5.30pm.
Open Thu & Fri 9am-12pm
Outside of these times call the above phone number.

Wangaratta Hospital

35-47 Green Street,
Wangaratta

Wangaratta Hospital has an emergency department and also provides telehealth services via Hume Telehealth.

- Emergency Department call Triple Zero (000)
- Other enquiries call: 03 5722 5111 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week).
- Hume Telehealth Agency Ph: 03 5722 5832

STAY SAFE

Stay safe - practise good hygiene and regularly and thoroughly wash your hands. Maintain physical distancing, keep at least 1.5 metres away from others and wear a fitted face mask unless you have a lawful reason for not doing so. If you feel unwell, get tested and stay home until you receive your result.

THINGS TO DO AT HOTHAM

EXPLORE THE VILLAGE AND OUR TRACKS & TRAILS

FOOD AND DRINK

The General is open year round, serving lunch and dinner during summer. First Run Cafe will also operate over summer, providing breakfast, lunch and some dinner options Friday to Monday.

HIKING

Mount Hotham has some of the high country's best hiking. The Summit and Mount Higginbotham provide shorter options around the village but for something longer the highlights include the The Huts Walk (15km), the Cobungra Ditch (12.5-17km) along with the Razorback (9km) and Mount Feathertop area. For more information check out our track notes [HERE](#).

FLORA & FAUNA

Mount Hotham is home to over 400 listed flora species that are unique to the Australian High Country, along with a number of critically endangered species. Read more [HERE](#).

ROAD CYCLING

The Great Alpine Road between Mount Hotham and Harrietville is the longest mountain ascent in the southern hemisphere. The ride to Omeo is also available, with a more undulating profile. We strongly encourage checking the weather forecast prior to departing for any ride, and using front and rear lights at all times.

CAPTURE THE VIEWS

Stunning sunsets, star gazing and views across Victoria can be enjoyed from so many locations including Mount Hotham and Mount Higginbotham summits as well as from the Loch Car Park towards Mount Feathertop.

BIKING ON TRAILS

The Brabralung Trail, connecting Mount Hotham to Dinner Plain is a fantastic shared trail suitable for families of all abilities. Please do not attempt to mountain bike on our ski runs - they're steeper than they look.



PLAYGROUND

A playground was installed in the Davenport area last year for children of all ages to enjoy. A swing set, slide, and climbing features are available for public use.

PUMP TRACK

A 'Pump Track' is a bike skills circuit designed for BMX and Mountain bikers. Located next to the playground, this is a perfect way to burn off some energy.

PETANQUE

Petanque is a version of boules originating in France. The aim is roll your boules closest to the small ball, the *cochonnet*. The pitch is located next to the fire pit in Davenport, between Taki and Hangman's lodges.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



To ensure your building and surrounding areas are protected please ensure the following;

- Clear timber and rubbish around lodge/building.
- Clear under balconies and decks.
- Shut windows and doors, ensuring you replace any fly screens that were removed during the winter months.
- Look out for and seal any gaps in the building.
- Ensure cladding/roofing is secure.
- Keep building materials either in a trailer, covered or inside. Not to be left on any native vegetation
- Clear chimneys and flues annually at a minimum.
- Check pilot lights and taps before leaving.

If you are unsure about any requirements, please contact us for free advice.

For any native vegetation removal, please email info@mthotham.com.au to check on the current requirements. There are limitations on what can and can't be removed.

PLANNING & BUILDING PERMITS

If you are planning on any works on your building and are unsure whether you require a planning or building permit please contact us by emailing property@mthotham.com.au or calling 03 5759 3550. Our team are happy to provide you with guidance and advice.

For planning permits

Contact the Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning (DELWP)
E: michael.dafnomilis@delwp.vic.gov.au **P:** 136 186 (planning general enquiries)
W: www.planning.vic.gov.au/permits-and-applications/do-i-need-a-permit

The RMB are happy to provide initial advice but please note it is DELWP who will assess and issue the planning permit not the RMB. For initial advice only, contact Georgina Boardman via email: georginab@mthotham.com.au.

For building permits

Contact Phil Davern, Municipal Building Surveyor for MHARMB
E: phil@alpinebuildingpermits.com.au **P:** 0428 797 273
W: www.developmthotham.com.au/buildings/building-permits/

If you are planning to upgrade your fire alarm, fire sprinkler system or remove a fire hose reel or building; all these require a relevant building permit to be issued for the works. The RMB are happy to provide free initial advice before commencing your works.

HARD WASTE

WHEN SUMMER COLLECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE

The RMB will conduct two hard waste collections over the 2020/2021 summer period.

WHEN: Monday 30 November 2020
Tuesday 6 April 2021 (After Easter)



For information on what you CAN and CANNOT put into hard waste click [HERE](#). Certain items will incur a collection fee.

Please place waste along the road edge outside your lodge or apartment. Do not put any hard waste or e-waste items in the rubbish hutches or rubbish bags

Please be mindful not to:

- Block access along the road.
- Place waste on native vegetation.
- Create hazards (sharp edges, high stockpiles) for pedestrians.
- Create litter issues in high winds



HOW TO SEPARATE YOUR WASTE AT MOUNT HOTHAM

In summer, please deposit all bagged waste in the garbage hutches. Please dispose of food waste (e.g. apple cores) in bins.

ORGANIC WASTE (LIVING BIN)

Food waste including
Citrus, meat, bones, egg shells,
tea bags, dairy products, and all vegetables



RECYCLING

Rigid Plastics, Cans and
Aerosols, Paper, Cardboard,
Aluminium and foils, paper,
Unbroken glass



GENERAL WASTE

Soft & Flexible Plastics, Nappies,
Plastic bags, Rope & Wire,
Broken crockery and glass



HARD WASTE AND E-WASTE

Batteries, Appliances
Skis, Snowboards.

Note Hazardous goods e.g.
chemicals, flammables
can not be accepted.

EMERGENCY DETAILS & BUILDING ACCESS

KEEP US IN THE LOOP WITH UP TO DATE INFO

COMMITTEE & OWNER CONTACT DETAILS

When making changes to your club's committee or a change in Body Corporate please ensure you notify the RMB. To update your details click [HERE](#).

ACCESS CODES & KEYS

To keep the RMB and CFA up to date with your current property access information please provide the necessary details [HERE](#).

These details will be kept in a secure location and used in case of emergency or via direct arrangement with the property's provided contact person. If you no longer use keys or are updating your keys please provide the RMB with a copy.

ESSENTIAL SAFETY MEASURES (ESM)

You are required to maintain your ESM testing logs year-round, regardless of whether your premises are occupied during summer or not.

Ensure you provide a current annual ESM report to the RMB each year. The templates for both annual ESM report and fire orders are available [HERE](#).

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please fill out the emergency contact detail form with your current contacts. We recommend your emergency fire contact be familiar with your plans and contactable by phone between October and May. Complete the form [HERE](#).

EVACUATION PLANS

Each property should have current evacuation plans and fire orders displayed. Ensure:

- Plans are up to date and reflect the current floor plan of the building.
- Paths to exits are clear at all times.

We recommend that you familiarise yourself with our Emergency Management Plan which you can find [HERE](#).

FIRE ALARMS

The CFA will generally attend the first call-out to a fire alarm for free. If your alarm is enacted repeatedly resulting in false alarms you may incur a fee for these attendances.

Ensure your fire and smoke alarm are serviced in line with current legislative frequencies. This is also noted on your triennial building standards of occupancy report provided by the RMB. Refer to Appendix 1 for frequencies of testing. Please provide the RMB with a copy.

DOGS & DOMESTIC ANIMALS

There are specific requirements in an Alpine National Park and the Mount Hotham Resort in regard to dogs and domestic pets. This is to ensure our environment is protected and enjoyed by all residents and visitors.

Dogs may be brought to the resort in summer, with the required permit. We have strict limits on numbers of dogs here at one time.



These may be issued to guests as long as:

- The permit form can be completed [HERE](#).
- The dog is not kept in prescribed accommodation. This excludes most lodges.
- The dog is not a restricted breed.
- The dog is registered, de-sexed and microchipped.
- Once you submit your application, it will be assessed, and notification provided.

Please call 03 5759 3550 or email info@mthotham.com.au to arrange a permit.

POOL & SPA REGISTRATIONS & BARRIERS

On 1 December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. It is now mandatory for land owners where a swimming pool or spa is located to register their pool or spa with a council body.



The new laws apply to swimming pools and spas that are capable of holding more than 300 mm (30cm) of water. This includes permanent, above ground and indoor pools, hot tubs, bathing or wading pools and some relocatable pools.

Relocatable pools that do not consist of multiple components and do not require any assembly are not subject to the barrier requirements. An example is a small inflatable pool that requires no assembly other than inflation.

REGISTERING YOUR POOL OR SPA

You are required to complete a registration form and pay the registration fee. For pools and spas constructed or commenced before **1 November 2020**, an information search fee will also be payable. Invoice will be sent on receipt of a completed application form

Access the application form [HERE](#). Once completed email to - property@mthotham.com.au.

RESORT COMMUNICATIONS

KEEPING IN TOUCH & INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

The RMB has a number of formal channels designed for communicating with you, along with visitors and stakeholders. Our summer communications and timings are listed below along with information about the targetted audience and types of information provided.

These channels may be used by stakeholders to communicate with guests or other stakeholders - please contact our Guest Attraction team on media@mthotham.com.au to discuss including a piece.

GREEN SEASON

	Hotham Herald	Community News	Facebook	Website
When published	Mid-Month	End of Month	Daily	N/A
Deadline	1st week of month	Mid-Month	Daily	As required
Audience	Opt-in Past and present stakeholders	All mountain stakeholders	Guests	Guests
Objective	Drive visitation	Inform stakeholders	Drive visitation	Drive & enable visitation
Type of Content	Interesting or attractive information about Hotham activities, events and promotions	News, leasing and planning updates, activities, local initiatives and events	Interesting or attractive information about Hotham, special deals	Events and activities, news, business information

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