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CHANGES TO COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2020

At last week's meeting, Council resolved to change the arrangements for meetings in 2020, hosting all Council meetings in the Senior Citizen's Room in Daylesford. Council meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month (excluding January) and dates will be on our website. We will also be introducing Listening Post events across all Wards in the Shire.

Mayor, Cr Don Henderson, said that after the success of the Clunes listening post event earlier this year, it was felt that expanding these to all Wards would increase engagement with the community, rather than relying on roving Council meetings.

"Council meetings are governed by strict procedural rules, whereas listening post events are a relaxed opportunity for community members to meet with staff and Councillors to raise issues and provide meaningful feedback," Cr Don Henderson.

The ability for public participation in Council meetings by the community is not affected by the change to the meeting location next year.

Introducing a centralised location for Council meetings provides the community with consistency of venue, allows Council the opportunity to invest in technical improvements (eg. investigate live streaming) and reduces cost to Council of set-up and pack-down, including facility hire fees.

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