

## CHARLTON SHIRE HALL TEMPORARY CLOSURE

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### **What has happened?**

A routine hazardous materials audit and subsequent testing has identified the presence of friable amosite asbestos in the Charlton Hall. As a precaution the hall has been closed to the public to reduce the risk of exposure to the asbestos containing material.

### **Where is the amosite asbestos located?**

Amosite asbestos was confirmed to be present within the cavity of the decorative brick work sections on the North, East and West walls of the hall.

### **Could I have been exposed to the amosite asbestos?**

Laboratory testing of settled dust samples throughout the hall and air monitoring confirmed no asbestos was detected in the dust, nor any trace of respirable asbestos fibres, also no airborne asbestos fibres were detected by the monitoring. These findings indicate that hall users were unlikely to have been exposed to airborne asbestos from historical dust accumulation.

### **Where can I get further information?**

Additional information and resources can be found at [www.asbestossafety.gov.au](http://www.asbestossafety.gov.au) including a link to The National Asbestos Exposure Register (NAER). The NAER is a voluntary resource which is provided for members of the community who may have been exposed to asbestos, to record information for their future reference.

Your health care professional can also provide advice about the potential health risks of asbestos.

For further information or enquiries, please contact Council on 1300 520 520.

### **When will the hall be re-opened?**

Council are following the advice and protocols of asbestos removalists, assessors and other experts.

The community will be provided with updated information regarding the hall by the end of July after potential treatment options are assessed.

A reduced library service will be operating in Charlton from the mobile Library Service Van every Tuesday from 10am to 2pm until further notice. The van will be located outside the Charlton Shire Office with services limited to book drop-off/pick-up and a reduced book range. Inter-library services will still be available.

For more information refer to Council's website: *"Temporary Hall Closure Explained"* published 18 July 2025. Visit: [www.buloke.vic.gov.au/temporary-charlton-hall-closure-explained](http://www.buloke.vic.gov.au/temporary-charlton-hall-closure-explained)