

# MEDIA RELEASE

## SOVEREIGN HILL TO CLOSE TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST

**MONDAY, 3 August 2020**

Following the announcement from the Victorian Government to place Victoria into lockdown restrictions, the not-for-profit Sovereign Hill Museums Association will temporarily close its outdoor museum to the public.

The Sovereign Hill Outdoor Museum will be closed as of 5PM Wednesday 5 August. Other sites, Narmbool and the Gold Museum have not re-opened to the public since the previous restrictions were put in place. They will remain closed.

All tickets will be cancelled, and a refund will be processed automatically to all ticket holders. The museum is taking these steps in line with government requirements as part of the current state-wide response to contain the spread of the coronavirus.

As the situation in Victoria continues to change a scheduled date for re-opening has not been announced. Sovereign Hill will work toward re-opening when government restrictions ease. Regular updates will be provided through Sovereign Hill's website and social media channels.

To assist during this time of closure, Sovereign Hill has produced a range of online Learning at Home materials and is offering free delivery for Raspberry drops and other online store items for Ballarat locals living within the 3350, 3351, 3352, 3355, 3356, 3357 and 3358 post codes.

To help Sustain Sovereign Hill during this crisis you can support us by providing a tax deductible donation of any amount. [sovereignhill.com.au/sustain-sovereign-hill](https://sovereignhill.com.au/sustain-sovereign-hill)

### **Comments from CEO, Sara Quon**

“We’ve been overwhelmed by support from the local community, along with many enquiries about what people can do to help Sovereign Hill. Making a donation, purchasing raspberry drops, honey or hampers from our online store and engaging with our online Learning at Home materials and social media accounts are all great ways for people to show their support of Sovereign Hill at this time.”

“We look forward to the day when we can again welcome visitors back to share the stories of humanity and reconnect with each other in a place of hope and optimism.”

---

### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Janelle Burns

**P:** 0407 242 735

**E:** [media@sovereignhill.com.au](mailto:media@sovereignhill.com.au)

