

# Mobile Library Schedule Changes 2021

Commences 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021



*How your service may be changing in 2021*

## Why are we changing the schedule?

In March 2020 the Mobile Library ceased operation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We re-commenced the Mobile Library service in November 2020 in line with relaxation of government COVID-19 restrictions with capacity limits and a modified schedule of reduced stops and times.

Further relaxation of restrictions means we can now re-commence a more substantial schedule that includes School stops, and allow more people inside the Mobile Library within COVID-19 density limits and social distancing rules.

We are taking the opportunity now to adjust the schedule to;

- Improve the efficiency of the Mobile service by providing more time at well used stops and less time at lesser used stops.
- Improve safety for drivers by allowing enough time to return to home base without rushing or working late.
- Improve efficiency during school holidays by generally scheduling school early in the day.
- Reduce the costs of operation by reducing the distance and time required to travel to stops and the overall time spent at stops.

## What is proposed?

We have adjusted the schedule – this means that the days of the week, the time of day and times spent at some stops may increase or reduce.

The Mobile Library will no longer stop at Picola or the South Shepparton Community House and these communities will be serviced with alternative options. Each of these sites has very low usage and are within a reasonable distance of an alternative library or Mobile stop.

# What alternative options will be available if my service has changed?

There are several options available for Library users whose service is changed.

- Visit the closest Town Library or any Library as part of the Victorian Library One Card network.
- We could provide a “Returns pick up” and “Holds drop off” service to your communities?
- A home Library service could be established.
- An increasing range of resources are available on-line through your library membership, eBooks, eAudiobooks, video streaming, eMagazines as well as the ability to browse the collection and place holds.
- A mail delivery and return service could be established.

Some or all of these options could be established and used by patrons in small communities.

Please call Jenny Wyllie, Library Services Manager 1300 374 765 to discuss the changes or your alternative service options.

**The revised schedule will commence 1st February 2021 and is available at [www.gvlibraries.com.au](http://www.gvlibraries.com.au).**

