

Have your say on Colac Otway future library services

In 2019, Colac Otway Shire resolved to undertake a detailed investigation (known as the Library Services Review) of the future provision of Council's library services, which includes the option of withdrawing from the Corangamite Regional Library Corporation (CRLC) and joining the Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GLRC).

Colac Otway Shire is urging residents of all ages to consider the collections available and the type and level of service provided at our Colac and Apollo Bay libraries as well as through the outreach service to our communities during their normal operation.

You can have your say on the Library Services Review by visiting Council's website and completing the online survey at https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-

consultations

Please contact Council on 5232 9400 if you require a printed copy of the survey.

Bridge Replacement Works -Forest Street, Colac

Council wishes to advise of upcoming construction works to be carried out at the Forest Street bridge (over Barongarook Creek), Colac East.

The existing bridge will be removed and replaced with new widened structure in order to service current and future vehicle transport needs. Works will also include services relocation and bridge approach roadworks.

A traffic management plan for the construction works will involve a total road closure of Forest Street at the bridge site. A vehicle detour will be in effect for the duration of the construction works.

Pending suitable weather conditions the works are scheduled to commence in early May 2020 and continue through to the end of June 2020.

Traffic management will be in place to minimise disruption to the community. Road users and pedestrians are asked to take care and observe any road signs in place. Council thanks you for your patience while these important works are undertaken.

For further information please contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400.

Colac Otway Shire's Fire Danger Period ends 27 April 2020

The 2019/2020 Fire Danger Period (FDP) will officially end in Colac Otway Shire on Monday 27 April, 2020. The end of the Fire Danger Period means residents and landowners no longer require a permit to conduct a burn after 27 April.

Residents and landowners within Designated Township Areas are permitted to burn only on specific days of the week; restrictions also apply to the nature of materials residents and landowners are permitted to burn.

There are a number of necessary preparations which should be made in order to conduct a burn safely. It remains the responsibility of the resident and/or landowner to burn safely.

Preparations include:

- Ensuring the burn off is compliant with Colac Otway Shire Council's local laws;
- Checking the weather forecast for the day of the burn and a few days afterwards (high winds may affect flame intensity and direction of smoke - be considerate of your neighbours);
- Clearing a fire break (removing all flammable materials) of at least 3 metres around and above the burn location;
- Ensuring there is at least one capable adult to monitor, contain and extinguish the burn off safely and effectively if required; and
- Never leaving a fire unattended.

Burn offs should be registered on 1800 668 511 at least 30 minutes prior to ignition; registering your burn will ensure the CFA are not called out unnecessarily to extinguish unregistered fires.

Further information can be found at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/burning-off or by contacting the Shire's Fire Awareness Officer on 5232 9400.

Chief Executive Peter Brown





At the Ordinary Council meeting on 22 April, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to seek public comment on the draft Grants, Contributions & Sponsorship Policy.

Colac Otway Shire currently has sponsorship or contribution-related policies which require review but no overarching policy to provide clear direction, accountability and transparency in the way Council provides sponsorship, financial and non-financial contributions and grants across the organisation.

The draft Grants, Contributions & Sponsorship Policy aims to provide Council operations including Bluewater, COPACC and Colac Regional Saleyards with a consistent, clear approach to receiving sponsorship, in accordance with the Council Plan 2017-2021 and Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

In line with Council's Community Engagement Policy, the Grants, Contributions & Sponsorship Policy will be on public exhibition on Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au for a period of six weeks from 24 April 2020 to 5 June 2020 for community feedback. A hardcopy will also be available to view at Council's Colac and Apollo Bay offices.

Intention to enter lease

Colac Otway Shire Council gives notice under section 190 of the Local Government Act 1989 that it intends to enter into a lease as below:

All land containing approximately 668 square metres as indicated by red border on the plan (AP/27.5.16) displayed below, forming a portion of Apollo Bay Port Foreshore Reserve.

On 22 April 2020, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to enter into a lease with Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-operative Society Ltd for the premises, known as the Apollo Bay Fisherman's Co-Operative Society Ltd in accordance with the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning template with a schedule of terms including the following:

- a. Term of Lease: (21) twenty-one years
- b. Options: nil
- c. Rent: \$33,880 (ex GST) per annum
- d. Rent review: every three years
- e. Insurance: tenant to pay
- f. Outgoings: tenant to pay
- g. Maintenance: tenant responsible



Any person wishing to make a submission in relation to the proposed lease must do so in writing by close of business Friday 5 June 2020. Written submissions will be considered in accordance with the provisions of section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 and should be addressed to the Chief Executive, Colac Otway Shire, PO Box 283, Colac, Vic 3250.

Draft Great Ocean Road Event Closure Guidelines - community feedback sought

The draft Great Ocean Road (GOR) Event Closure Guidelines are currently under review by the State Government's Department of Transport.

The Guidelines provide a framework for a consistent approach for considering requests to close the Great Ocean Road for events.

Colac Otway Shire Council, as a key partner in the review, is seeking the community's feedback on the draft Guidelines.

The draft Guidelines can be downloaded from Council's website. Look for the Have Your Say button on the home page via www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Email your feedback to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or mail your feedback to PO Box 283, Colac, Vic, 3250 by close of business Friday 5 June.

