



## Council Services and Facilities

We are all in this together



Colac Otway Shire Council has reopened its public-facing facilities (as at Thursday 18 February) in accordance with the easing of the State Government's COVID19 restrictions.

Face masks, hand sanitisation, physical distancing and COVID-safe capacity requirements are among the regulations which will remain in place as restrictions ease.

Colac Otway Shire Council advises the following Council facilities have reopened, in accordance with new restrictions:

- Colac Otway Shire Customer Service Centres (Colac & Apollo Bay) including library chute
- Colac & Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centres
- Bluewater (Gym, Pools & Stadium)
- COPACC
- Colac Regional Saleyards
- School Crossings

Visit Council's website for more information, or call Customer Assist on 5232 9400.



## Together we are Colac Otway

The last week has been a tough one for our local businesses, so this weekend let's head out and support our local traders - enjoy a delicious meal at a local eatery, pick up some great local produce and support local retailers. We're spoiled for choice and this time of year is a wonderful time to explore our great Colac Otway region.

If you are a local business operator, you can access the free digital promotional material via Council's website and be a part of this great local campaign - let's come together and support one another so every business gets back on its feet.



## Council Meeting

**The February 2021 Council meeting will be held on:**

Wednesday 24 February, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac.

**Agenda items include:**

- Councillor Code of Conduct
- Community Engagement Policy - Report and Submissions
- Irrewillipe Basin Development Stage 1

Copies of the agenda are available at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

A registration system will be in place for the February Council meeting to allow members of the public to attend. To ensure COVID capacity restrictions are adhered to, the number of people allowed to attend will be capped according to the room size, therefore any person who wishes to attend the meeting must register by contacting Council by email [governance@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or phone 5232 9400. Registrations will open today, Friday 19 February from 9am and must be received no later than 5pm on Tuesday 23 February. If attendance capacity is reached, community members will be advised if their registration has been unsuccessful.

Council meetings are livestreamed on Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) and written questions may be submitted by 5pm on the Monday prior to the meeting.



## Local Community and Business Directory

**Looking for something?**

Council has an online Local Community and Business directory which features contact information for community groups and organisations as well as businesses and other services in the Colac Otway Shire.

Are you a tradie or do you own a business or run a community group in Colac Otway? Register your group or business for free in our online directory to help others find you. Visit Council's website to look up the directory or add your details.



## Colac Otway Community Vision - 2050

Colac Otway Shire Council invites the community to provide their thoughts and ideas to help develop a community vision for the future of Colac Otway Shire.



Scheduled community drop-in sessions will proceed as planned (subject to changes to COVID restrictions):

- Apollo Bay Senior Citizens' Centre on Friday 19 February. Call in anytime from 1pm to 4pm
- Birregurra Hall on Monday 22 February. Call in anytime from 3pm to 6pm
- Cororooke Hall on Monday 22 February. Call in anytime from 3pm to 6pm
- Forrest Hall on Tuesday 23 February. Call in anytime from 3pm to 6pm
- Colac Plaza on Thursday 25 February. Call in anytime from 9am to 11am
- Elliminyt Hall on Friday 26 February. Call in anytime from 9am to 11am
- Wye River and Apollo Bay. A drop in session will take place over the March long weekend, date and time to be confirmed.

Please pre-register your attendance at a Regional Roadshow online via Council's website.

Complete the 2050 Colac Otway Community Vision survey online at Council's website, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) and search '2050 consultations' or join an online Regional Roadshow session on March 3 and March 10 - visit Council's website for more information on how to join.

Hard copies of the 2050 Colac Otway Community Vision survey can also be collected from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay.



## Forrest Town Centre Shared Pathway Project - Construction

**Contract No. 2120**

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to undertake the reconstruction of a shared pathway, Grant Street (west side), Turner Drive to Rivendell Lane Park, Forrest and a connecting crossing at the General Store.

A copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at: [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 10 March 2021. Submissions must be lodged via the electronic tender box. Late, emailed or posted tenders will not be considered.



## Rates Reminder

Colac Otway Shire ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2020-21 rates by the quarterly instalments option are reminded the third quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 5pm on 28 February 2021. As this is a Sunday, payments may be made up to Monday, 1 March 2021.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to call Council's rates team on 5232 9400 to discuss options available.



**Third rates instalment due by 1 March 2021**