



Have Your Say

All items open for public comment can be viewed on Council's website at: www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations

- Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy

(survey closes Monday 12 April)

Council is seeking feedback from the community for the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy (2021 - 2030). The Strategy will seek to guide current and future waste management and resource recovery in the Colac Otway Shire and provide long-term strategic direction for sustainable waste management.

An online survey is available on Council's website: www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations

Or come along to a community engagement session:

Beech Forest Waste Drop-Off Facility **15 Main Road, Beech Forest:**

- Saturday 10 April - any time between 10am and 11.30am

Lavers Hill Waste Drop-Off Facility **43-47 Great Ocean Road, Lavers Hill Hall:**

- Saturday 10 April - any time between 12pm and 2pm

Other items open for public comment are:

- Revised Road Management Plan on Public Exhibition (closes today Friday 9 April)
- Future of Parklets in Apollo Bay (survey closes Wednesday 14 April)
- Draft Acquisition and Disposal of Council Property Policy
- Mayor and Councillor Allowance

Visit Council's website for more information: www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations



Council Grants Program - Closing Today

Today is the last day to submit your application to the Colac Otway Shire Council Grants 2021-22 Program.

Council's Grants Program provides funding for projects that benefit the wider community and help in achieving goals and outcomes consistent with Council's objectives.

All categories require a matching contribution via cash or in-kind from the applicant on a dollar for dollar basis.

Guidelines are available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au (search 'Grants 2021') and an online form is available on Council's website - **applications will close at 5pm today (Friday 9 April 2021).**

Funding announcements are expected to be made at the end of June.

Please contact Council's Grants Officer on (03) 5232 9400 or grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au for further information.



Upcoming Immunisation Sessions

Council's free monthly immunisation sessions are held on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC, 95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac. Please use main entrance (all abilities access) via Gellibrand Street.

Monday 19 April, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 6 May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Monday 17 May, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Flu Vaccinations will also be available free of charge (subject to availability) for:

- Children aged 6 months to 5 years
- Adults aged over 65

(If you fall into the over 65 age group category, please contact Council's Immunisation team to check the vaccine is available).

Social distancing measures will be in place, hand sanitiser will be provided and only one parent/guardian should accompany a child into the session. People should not attend the session if they or their child are unwell.

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases.

For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Recruitment of Community Panel

Council is about to start recruiting for a 24-member community panel to take part in a deliberative community engagement process.

The panel will inform Council's future strategic planning including our 2050 Community Vision.

You may receive a call from a company called Call Assist inviting you to be part of the panel.

This will involve some weekend and after hours facilitated discussions with fellow panellists to really get into the detail about how you want your community to look in the future, and what Council can do to help us get there.

The phone recruitment is a random and independent process, aimed at appointing a representative sample of people to our panel. If you are lucky enough to receive the call, we hope you'll agree to get involved! If you have any questions, or would like further information on the community engagement process, please contact Council on 5232 9400.



Annual Pet Registrations



Annual pet registrations are due for renewal on 10 April - registering your furry family members with Council helps us to reunite you quickly if your pets wander away from home.

Payments can be made online at Council's website or in person at Council's Customer Service Centre. As the due date for payment falls on a Saturday, payments may still be made Monday 12 April.



Dob in a Dumper

It's against the law to illegally dispose of waste. Dumping of rubbish is irresponsible, harmful to the environment and shows a lack of respect for the wider community.

Council encourages anyone who witnesses people dumping rubbish to report them to the police; if you come across a load of dumped rubbish, call Council's Local Laws Community Safety team.

Parks Victoria is the responsible authority for rubbish dumped at campsites managed by State Authorities or national parks. Anyone witnessing rubbish dumping or littering in a park can call Parks Victoria on 13 19 63.



COVID-19 Rate Relief Period

A reminder to the Colac Otway community that the interest free period on Council rates implemented to provide financial relief during the COVID-19 situation will finish at the end of June 2021. If you have outstanding rate payments for the 2020-2021 financial year, please contact Council as soon as possible to discuss payment arrangements and avoid interest charges from 1 July 2021.

