



Mayoral Column

Over the past few weeks, when COVID-19 restrictions permitted, I had the privilege of attending the Annual General Meeting of the Colac Lake Red Cross, the Otway Rotaract Changeover Dinner and also the Rotary Club of Colac West Changeover Dinner, amongst other events.

As Mayor, I'm fortunate to be invited to take part in local events such as these, to recognise the wonderful work groups are doing in our community. Chatting to the volunteers, hearing about the work they do and the happiness and satisfaction they get from supporting

their community is one of the aspects of this role that I most enjoy.

These local organisations, among many others in Colac Otway, are the lifeblood of our community thanks to the generosity and commitment of the volunteers who drive them.

It's wonderful to see, even during the pandemic, the resilience and community spirit within these organisations shining through their volunteers.

The pandemic has provided a new set of challenges for our volunteer run groups, making it difficult to stage public fundraisers but also

preventing members from coming together and connecting with each other. I commend all groups who have adapted during COVID-19 lockdowns, either in adjusting and changing the support they provide to the community, or in the ways they have changed how they connect with each other.

Importantly, I'd also like to acknowledge the volunteers of all our sporting clubs throughout the shire. A big part of life for many of us in Colac Otway are our clubs, who have not only had to respond to snap lockdowns with games cancelled and changes to fixtures, but also interpret



and apply rules and regulations to help keep our community safe when lockdowns ease.

No matter what role you play in supporting our community, thank you to all our great volunteers, Colac Otway is a better place to live thanks to you.

Council Meeting

The August 2021 Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 25 August 2021, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac.

Copies of the agenda will be available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au on Friday 20 August.

Please see next week's edition of the Colac Herald for details on whether the August Council meeting will be open to the public (subject to current COVID-19 restrictions) or contact Council on 5232 9400.

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

Rates Notices and Council Assistance

Rates Notices will be landing in inboxes and letterboxes over the next few days.

If you haven't already, think about making the switch to receiving Council notices via email, it's quicker than snail-mail and provides you with a digital record to keep on file. To make the switch, sign up to e-Notices (colacotway.enotices.com.au) or BPay View (bpay.com.au/bpayview), make sure you have your Rates Assessment Number.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties or would like more information about payment options available, please visit Council's website or call 5232 9400.

Waste Services in Colac Otway

What's staying the same?

- Your red bin (landfill) will continue to be collected weekly
- Your yellow bin (for recycling) and green bin (for FOGO: Food Organics and Garden Organics) will continue to be collected fortnightly (on alternate weeks)
- Reduce your waste to landfill and use the green bin for food scraps and garden waste to turn them into compost

What's changing?

- Each household will receive a purple bin for glass only recycling, the purple bins will be delivered in October
- Kerbside collection of the purple (glass only) bin will commence in November
- When purple bin collections start in November, we'll ask you to 'be a good sort' and separate your glass recycling into the purple bin. You'll continue to use your yellow (recycling) bin for metal, paper, cardboard and hard plastics.
- Put your purple bin out (every four weeks) with your yellow bin.

How will you know when the purple bin collection starts?

- Waste calendars with purple bin collection dates are included with your rates notice.
- You can look up waste calendars any time on Council's website.
- There'll be lots of reminders via the Colac Herald, community newsletters, radio and Council's social media pages

Visit Council's website for more info, or call us on 5232 9400.



Touchless taps across Colac Otway

Colac Otway Shire Council have been rolling out touchless taps and sensor soap/sanitiser dispensers in public toilet facilities through the shire.

Good hygiene and regularly and thoroughly washing your hands remains an important practice to reduce the risk and stop the spread of COVID-19. The touchless facilities aim to help community and visitors to the region minimise contact with surfaces in public spaces.

Taps have been installed at public toilet facilities in Lavers Hill, Beech Forest, Apollo Bay Boat Ramp, Mother's Beach, Pascoe Street (Apollo Bay), Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre, Colac's Memorial Square and Beac.

Contracts and Tenders

Apollo Bay Harbour Redevelopment - Fishermen's Co-operative Building Design

Contract No. 2114

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified tenderers for the provision of Architectural, Engineering & Building Design Services for the redevelopment of the Fishermen's Co-operative Building located at the Apollo Bay Harbour.

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

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 15 September 2021. Submissions must be lodged via the electronic tender box. Late, emailed or posted tenders will not be considered.

