

Special Council meeting

A Special Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 2 February 2022, 4pm via videoconference

The business to be transacted at the Special Council meeting will be solely the consideration of:

- Forrest Caravan Park Lease
- Forrest Mountain Bike Trail Construction Contract Award
- Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Applications
- Council Policy review - Maternal & Child Health Services
- Award of Contract 2202 - Design and Construct Sportsground lighting at four locations
- Environment Strategy Review Report

Please note: Lavers Hill Pool Funding Agreement will be considered at a future Council meeting.

The Special Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

In response to the current COVID-19 situation, we advise the 2 February Special Council meeting will be held online with all participants to dial in via videoconference.

Written questions may be submitted by 5pm on Monday 31 January. Community members may participate in Question Time by videoconference, please email: governance@colacotway.vic.gov.au by 5pm, Monday 31 January and a Council officer will contact you to set up the online arrangements. Please note, as per the Governance Rules of Colac Otway Shire Council, only questions related to the agenda for the Special Council meeting will be accepted.

Copies of the agenda will be available to view today on Council's website.

Planning Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Colac Otway Shire Council Planning Committee is scheduled for:

Wednesday 9 February 2022, 4pm via videoconference

The Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). In response to the current COVID-19 situation, we advise the 9 February Planning Committee meeting will be held online with all participants to dial in via videoconference.

Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 4 February at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Colac Otway Shire Community Awards

Entries are now open for the 2022 Colac Otway Shire Community Awards with residents encouraged to nominate their local heroes. Recognise the outstanding work done by a group or someone you know in our Colac Otway community - Council is calling for nominations in the following three categories:

Citizen of the Year

For outstanding individual achievement in areas including but not limited to business, science, education, environment, sport, diversity, community outcomes, arts etc.

Young Citizen of the Year

For outstanding individual youth achievement in areas including but not limited to business, science, education, environment, sport, diversity, community, arts etc.

Community Service Award (Group/Individual)

For outstanding contribution of an individual or group to the Colac Otway Shire community over an extended period of time in areas including but not limited to business, science, education, environment, sport, diversity, community outcomes, arts etc.

Online nomination forms (and guidelines) are available via Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Hard copies of nomination forms will also be available to collect from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay. For further information please contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400. Nominations close at 5pm Tuesday 8 February.

We're recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- Casual Multipurpose Officers - Parks & Gardens
- Casual Multipurpose Officers - Roads Maintenance

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on 5232 9529.

Notice of Road Works and Pavement Stabilisation Works

Colac Otway Shire Council advises the following road reconstruction works are programmed to be undertaken:

Location: Stewart Street, Colac (between Wilson and Wheel streets)

Works: Road reconstruction works

Duration: Work is scheduled to commence 25 January with works expected to be completed by the end of March.

The section of Stewart Street between Wilson and Wheel streets will be closed to through traffic while work is undertaken with one lane of the road open to local residents (only). Road users are asked to seek an alternative route and asked to take care and observe warning signs and other traffic control measures in place.

Affected residents will receive prior notification of works to minimise any inconvenience.

Thank you for your cooperation while these important works are undertaken.

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



Notice of Upcoming Works on Barongarook Path

Colac Otway Shire Council advises the following path upgrade works are programmed to be undertaken:

Location: Barongarook Creek Reserve

Works: Replacement of the asphalt path in Barongarook Creek Reserve between Chapel Street and the Lake Colac Caravan Park with a 2.5m wide concrete path.

Duration: Work is scheduled to commence Monday 31 January with works expected to be completed by the end of February (subject to favourable weather conditions).

Path users are asked to seek alternative routes during these works as the path will be closed while works are undertaken.

Thank you for your cooperation while these important works are completed.

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

Immunisation Sessions

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the newly completed Apollo Bay Kindergarten building, located at the Apollo Bay P-12 College site on Pengilley Avenue.

Upcoming immunisation sessions in Colac are:

Thursday 3 February, 10.30am - 11.30am

Monday 21 February, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Social distancing measures will be in place and hand sanitiser will be provided. People should not attend the session if they or their child is unwell. Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases. Patrons will be required to enter COPACC via the main entrance (all abilities access from Gellibrand Street), where they will be required to register and show proof of vaccination.

For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website for more information.



Pictured here with Cr Joe McCracken and Cr Chris Potter are new citizens Abdul Aziz and Zaher with friends and family.

Colac Otway welcomes five new Australian citizens

The Colac Otway Shire Council welcomed five new Australian citizens with a special citizenship ceremony on Wednesday 26 January at the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC). The new citizens included those from Afghanistan, Thailand, France and the United Kingdom.

"Citizenship ceremonies are one of my favourite Council events to attend," said Colac Otway Shire Council Mayor Kate Hanson. "It's a joyful occasion for families and friends, as well as the recipients, who have chosen Australia as the place they want to call home."

Citizenship represents a commitment to Australia and its people, the values we share and our common future and the ceremony is an opportunity for all Australian citizens to affirm this commitment.