



## Council meeting

The March Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 29 March 2023

**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:** COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 24 March 2023 at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

## Presentation of the 2023 Colac Otway Community Awards

The Colac Otway Community Awards will be presented at Kana again in 2023.

Come along and join in the festival fun on the day and celebrate Colac Otway's Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Service of the Year.

**When:** Saturday 18 March, award presentation at 11am

**Where:** Colac Kana Festival Stage in Memorial Square

Council thanks the organisers of the Colac Kana Festival for including the awards in their program and looks forward to celebrating with our Colac Otway community at the festival.

Pictured is Mayor Chris Potter presenting the Citizen of the Year Award to Ivan McCallum at last year's ceremony.



## Colac Otway Shire Council Grant Program 2023 - 24

Colac Otway Shire Council's Grants Program 2023 - 24 provides grants to assist funding projects and events that benefit the wider community and help in achieving goals and outcomes consistent with the 2021-2025 Council Plan through strong and resilient economies, natural and built environments and healthy and inclusive communities.

**A total pool of \$311,500\* is available through three funding streams:**

- Community Grants
- Events Grants
- Business Grants

*\*(subject to Council budget approval)*

### How to apply

Visit Council's website to review the NEW Guidelines and apply online at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2023-2024'.

Applications open 9am on Friday 3 March 2023 and close 5pm on Friday 14 April 2023.

For assistance, contact Council's Grants Officer on [grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or (03) 5232 9400.



## A - Z of Council Services

We're continuing our A to Z of Council Services with S, T and U. Local councils provide a wide range of services from waste collection, to road maintenance, tree planting - and many things in between. Over the next few weeks, we'll run through Council services for each letter of the alphabet, some you may be familiar with, and some you may be interested to learn about.

### S - Swim School Instructor



Do you have the passion and patience for teaching a vital life skill? Are you at least 16 years of age with a reasonable level of swimming ability? Have you ever considered becoming a swimming teacher?

Bluewater Leisure Centre are currently seeking new swim school teachers. Shifts are available during the school term, through school hours and after school.

Swim School qualifications can be obtained via online learning and a one day face to face training session (this may vary depending on the training institute you enrol with). You may even be eligible to free or subsidised training.

For further information regarding the training courses or the employment opportunities with Bluewater Leisure Centre, please contact the Manager of Bluewater on 5232 9551.

### T - is for Tree Planting



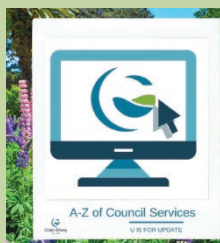
Council is committed to the planting of trees to improve the liveability of towns. Trees increase air quality, store carbon, reduce flooding by reducing runoff, provide shade to encourage walkability and reduce heat.

In 2021-2022 Council planted 316 advanced trees in public spaces including our Street Tree Planting program in Manifold Street Colac, Roadknight and Molesworth Street Birregurra, Cressy township and Wallace and Western Street in Beeac.

During autumn/early winter you will see Council working to complete planting of trees in Apollo Bay, Colac, Cressy, Beeac, Forrest, Birregurra and Gellibrand.

If you are thinking of planting trees at your place, check out the Council website for information on what native trees can be planted where

### U - Update



Did you know you can receive your rates and animal registration notice via eNotices straight to your inbox? Animal registration notices will be delivered over the next week.

You can update your details via our website at any time to make sure you don't miss any important information from Council.

To update your details to receive your animal registration notice electronically, please visit the Pets, Animals & Livestock section of Council website.



## We're recruiting

If you're interested in working alongside your community, engaging in local projects and helping to make Colac Otway the great place it is, work with us! For current employment opportunities, see below or visit the Council's website.

- **Bluewater Operations Coordinator (closes 14/3/23)**
- **Bluewater Childcare Assistant (closes 20/3/23)**
- **Bluewater Customer Relations Assistant (closes 22/3/23)**
- **Multipurpose Officer/Plant Operator (closes 21/3/23)**
- **Multipurpose Officer Parks & Gardens (closes 23/3/23)**

For a position description and to apply online, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or contact Human Resources on 5232 9529.



## Pet Registration Renewals

**Pet registration renewal will be landing in letterboxes throughout Colac Otway over the next couple of weeks.**

Did you know that you can now pay your pet registration online?

Visit Council's website and click on Payments for more information.



## Road Renewal Works

**Council has completed the resealing, asphaltting, major drainage, patching/stabilisation and crack sealing of roads within Colac Otway Shire for the 2022-23 road renewal program.**

Thanks to our Colac Otway community for your cooperation while these important renewal works were undertaken.