

## Council meeting

The February Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 23 February 2022

**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:** Due to COVID-19 requirements, this may be held online. Please check next Friday's Colac Herald for confirmation.

Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 18 February at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

## Reminder - 2021-22 Rates Payments Due

**Please note, ratepayers who elected to pay their 2021-22 Council rates by the lump sum method are reminded the full amount is due to be paid by 15 February 2022.**

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2021-22 rates by the quarterly Instalments option are reminded the 3rd quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 28 February 2022 - notices for this instalment are being sent out.

Ratepayers who have not activated the quarterly instalment option, but would like to pay by this option (to allow extra time to pay), are asked to contact Council's Revenue Department by calling 5232 9400.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should also contact Council's Revenue Department to discuss an arrangement and prevent the account being referred to debt collectors.

## Bridge Works over Gellibrand River to commence

**Colac Otway Shire Council advises of construction works for the replacement of an old timber bridge over Gellibrand River (King Track, Chapple Vale), with a new steel/concrete structure, which will remove a restrictive 2 Tonne load limit on the old bridge.**

Work is scheduled to commence mid/late February 2022 with completion in March 2022 (subject to favourable weather conditions).

A full road closure at the work site on King Track will be in place for the duration of the project. Road users are asked to avoid the work site and seek alternative routes.

Council thanks the public for cooperation while these important works are completed. For further information, please contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400.

## Community Satisfaction Survey underway in Colac Otway Shire

**The annual Local Government Community Satisfaction Survey is underway across the Colac Otway Shire with residents to expect a call from independent market research agency, National Field Services, from now until mid-March.**

The survey is commissioned each year by the Victorian Government on behalf of Victorian councils, including 400 residents of Colac Otway Shire Council, to provide a snapshot of views on council performance.

The details and individual responses are confidential and only the overall results will be shared with Council. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Customer Service on 5232 9400.

## Council funding opportunities 2022/23

**Colac Otway Shire's Grants Program provides an opportunity for a wide range of organisations and small businesses to share in funding for a variety of projects and events 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.

**A total pool of \$311,500 is available for the 2022/23 Grants Program from five funding categories:**

- Community Grants Program
- Community Events & Support Program
- Small Grants Program
- Building Façade Improvement Program (Business)
- Small Business Environmental Sustainability Program

### How to apply

The Guidelines, FAQs, Help sheets and the online application form is available at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2022/2023'.

Applications open on Monday 28 February 2022 and close 5pm on Friday 8 April 2022. 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](mailto:grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au) for assistance and further information.



## FAMILY DAY CARE EDUCATORS

### - Colac Otway Shire Subcontractor/Flexible Hours

Colac Otway Shire Council is seeking Family Day Care (FDC) Educators to provide Family Day Care throughout the Colac Otway Shire.

Family Day Care is a great way to provide childcare to families as well as being able to work flexible hours from your own home.

We are looking for people who are passionate about working with children, building on their development and are prepared to be a part of a motivated and dedicated team.

*"I really love mornings, I love opening the front door, greeting the families and seeing the children come in....that would have to be my favourite part of the day."*

- Gerry Anson, Family Day Care Educator.

For a position description and information about becoming a FDC Educator or more information about working from your own home, please check out Council's Family & Children's Service webpage [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or email [familydaycare@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:familydaycare@colacotway.vic.gov.au)

