



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 You Tube 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 today, Friday 4 February at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Colac Otway Shire Community Awards - nominations close 8 Feb

Nominations for the 2022 Colac Otway Shire Community Awards close Tuesday 8 February at 5pm. Don't miss your opportunity to nominate a local hero and 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 are 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.



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 2022 with works expected to be completed by the end of March 2022.

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.




Reminder - 2021-22 Rates Payments Due

Please note, ratepayers that 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; and 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.



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!

- **Emergency Management Coordinator**
- **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 (03) 5232 9529.



Council's Online Services

Pay your Colac Otway Shire Council rates easily and conveniently with one of these secure online options:

- At any Australia Post Office
- Online using our eServices portal
- Via BPay using the biller code on your rates notice
- Sign up to eNotices to receive and pay your assessments electronically

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please visit Council's website, email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or call our Customer Service Centre on 5232 9400.




Machinery, cars and vehicles can start grassfires

Grassfires can start and spread quickly. During the Fire Danger Period, if you're using machinery with an internal combustion or heat engine, such as tractors or slashers, within nine metres of grass, crops, stubble, weeds or other vegetation, it's important that you ensure the machinery is:

- Free from any faults and mechanical defects that could start a fire.
- Fitted with an approved spark arrestor.
- Carrying a working water fire extinguisher or knapsack of at least nine litres capacity.

In addition to water required under legislation, you should also carry a dry chemical extinguisher that is suitable for normal combustible fires and electrical fires, such as an ABE extinguisher, on machinery.

Avoid driving vehicles and motorbikes through dry grass. The risk of starting a fire from the hot exhaust system is high. Even pulling over into grass at the side of the road could start a serious grassfire without you even being aware.

