



Ordinary Council meeting

The September 2020 Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 16 September, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac.

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

Please note: the September Ordinary Council meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Apollo Bay however Council resolved at its August meeting to change the location to COPACC Colac due to factors related to COVID-19.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Stay Safe and Restricted Activities Directions issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria that are in place at the time of publication, Council advises only Councillors and Council staff are permitted to attend the Ordinary Council meeting. Strict hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

Copies of the agenda will be available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au on Friday 11 September.



Planning and Environment Act 1987 - COLAC OTWAY PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of exhibition of Draft Apollo Bay Harbour Development Plan

Colac Otway Shire Council has prepared a draft Development Plan for Apollo Bay Harbour. The Development Plan has been prepared in accordance with Clause 37.01 - Special Use Zone of the Colac Otway Planning Scheme.

The land affected by the Development Plan is the Apollo Bay Harbour and immediate surrounds.

The purpose of the Development Plan is to guide the form of future development of the Apollo Bay Harbour, and attract further investment.

You may inspect the Development Plan at the Colac Otway Shire Website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-consultations

Any interested person may make a submission to Council about the Development Plan. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, and clearly stating the grounds of their submission and/or any changes to the plan the submitter may wish to seek. Written submissions should include "Apollo Bay Harbour Development Plan" in the subject line and be emailed to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or mailed to: Strategic Planning, Colac Otway Shire, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Submissions close at 5pm on Sunday 18 October 2020.

Please note, submissions are public documents, and may be made available for inspection by members of the public.



Stay Home Stay Connected

Now more than ever, we need to do everything we can to work together, stay connected and be compassionate and kind. It's important to know what services and support is available and ask for help if you need it - or feel fantastic by being able to help someone else!

How about arranging a virtual catch up with your mates, play a board game or chat about what you've been doing.

Write a note with your contact details and the support you can offer, and drop it in your neighbours' letter boxes. You can find a link to a postcard to print on Council's website - search Stay Home Stay Connected.



COVID-19 Rates Payment Assistance

The rates you pay enable Colac Otway Shire Council to provide more than 40 services across the shire, from maintaining our streets, roads and sporting grounds to delivering community grants and maternal and child health services.

This year, we are also providing COVID-19 support to vulnerable residents, businesses and the wider community.

It is therefore vital that we all pay our rates to ensure these services can continue to be provided.

However, we understand this may be difficult for some people and we encourage you to either pay by quarterly instalment, (with your first quarterly instalment by 30 September 2020), or make an arrangement to make more frequent, manageable payments.

Due to COVID-19, Colac Otway Shire ratepayers with rate notice arrears will not be charged interest on those arrears until 31 December 2020.

However, we urge anyone experiencing difficulty paying to contact Council's Rates Team and discuss payment arrangements now, to help avoid further financial pressure in 2021.

Arrange to pay weekly, fortnightly or monthly and importantly, keep in touch, so we can continue to assist.

Contact the Colac Otway Shire Council Rates Team on 5232 9400 or email the Rates Team inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au



Old Coach Road, Skenes Creek - Community Consultation on Proposed Changes

Council has been working with residents on Old Coach Road, Skenes Creek to try and resolve reported traffic issues.

Old Coach Road is classified as a public roadway and under the Road Management Act 2004. As the installation of 2 gates would restrict public access to the northern section, the classification of this section would need to be formally gazetted. Council, as the management authority for the road, may change the classification of the road to a 'controlled access road', however the proposal must be advertised and public consultation undertaken.

Council would like to hear from the local community with their feedback on the current proposal. Please visit Council's website for information about proposed changes or contact Council on 5232 9400.



Australia Day Award Nominations

2021 Colac Otway Shire Australia Day Award nominations are now open.

Council is calling for nominations in five categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service of the Year
- Sporting Service of the Year
- Arts Service of the Year

Nomination forms and guidelines are now available, please contact Customer Assist on 5232 9400 or visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au Nominations close 2 October, 2020.



Communities Combating Pests and Weeds Grant -

Applications close Wednesday 16 September 2020

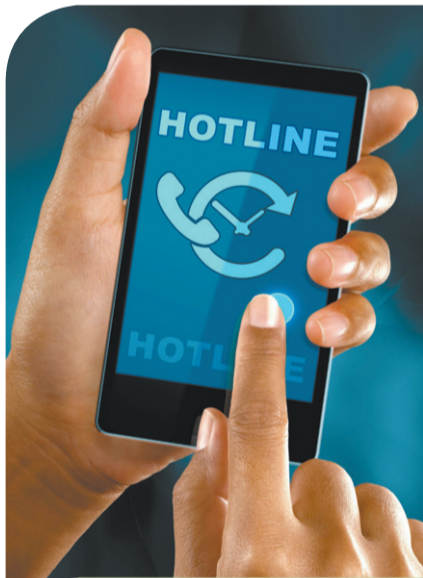
(Please note, new date for close of submissions.)

A further round of the Communities Combating Pests and Weeds grant opportunity for spring and early summer 2020 has been announced. The grant enables Council to support private property owners across the shire in their efforts to control weeds and rabbits on their properties.

The grant program requires private landowners to contribute a dollar for dollar amount equivalent to what they receive through the grant for works on their land.

For a full list of weed species applicable to the grant funding and to complete an application, please visit Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au and search for Combating Pests and Weeds Grant Opportunity. Applications close 4pm on Wednesday 16 September 2020.

The Communities Combating Pests and Weeds program is a one-off opportunity, with a strict completion deadline of the end of 2020. The project is funded by the Australian Government under the Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program.



Colac Otway Shire COVID Support Hotline: 5232 9440

Colac Otway Shire residents self-isolating or quarantining due to COVID-19 with no access to food, masks and essential supplies can receive emergency relief packages by contacting the COLAC OTWAY COVID SUPPORT HOTLINE on 5232 9440. The hotline operates daily (7 days) from 8.30am to 5pm. If you have other support needs, please provide details and we will assist connecting you with the appropriate agencies.

