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## Memorial Square Playspace Designs Complete

The transformation of the Memorial Square Playspace is a hop, step and jump closer, with Colac Otway Shire Council calling for tenders and construction set to start in early 2021.

The playspace redevelopment is an exciting project that has been designed in consultation with the community and funded through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund, the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and Colac Otway Shire.

The new playground will be much larger than the current one and include a range of play features, including a carousel, mini trampolines, flying fox, different types of swings and slides, a separate toddler zone, musical elements, scooter track, fencing, seating, picnic tables and a drinking fountain.

"There was understandably a great deal of interest from the community and extensive consultation during the development of the concept plans," Manager Assets & Project Delivery Maddy Bisits said.

"People of all ages provided ideas and suggestions in response to the draft concept plan released earlier this year," she said.

"It's a significant site, as Colac's centrepiece and home to the city's historic War Memorial. Council is pleased to be delivering a memorable, feature playspace that locals and visitors can enjoy."

The unique, poppy-themed fort remains a recognisable feature of the final design which also now includes a range of additional features in response to community feedback including; shop front; crawl tunnel; stair entry to the lower fort structure rather than a ladder; a double slide; monkey bars and net climbing elements; talking tubes for interaction between ground and upper levels; reflective/mirror panels and a long twisty slide.

Other additions and alterations in response to community feedback include: a flying fox replacing the agility climbing structure and hammock; inclusion of mini



trampolines; inclusion of spiker spinners; accessible musical elements; inclusion of mini scooter track with bumps and rises, road linemarking and signs; activities such as hopscotch incorporated into the rubber surfacing; reduced garden within the playspace, while maintaining shade trees and some plantings as part of the toddler nature play area and the addition of fencing to the road sides of the playspace.

"There had been concerns raised about the proximity of the playspace to the road. In response to this feedback, the plans now include fences and gates on the sides

closest to the road," Ms Bisits said.

"As in any public space, parents or carers must supervise their children, but the fences to the north and west will be a barrier to prevent children from running directly towards a road. The side furthest from the road will remain open to the adjacent grass area, which people can use as a picnic area while enjoying the playspace."

Colac Otway Shire Council is currently advertising the tender to construct the playground and expects families will be enjoying the new space by mid-2021.



## Planning and Environment Act 1987 COLAC OTWAY PLANNING SCHEME

### Notice of Approval of Amendment

Amendment C97cola

The Minister for Planning has approved Amendment C97cola to the Colac Otway Planning Scheme.

The Amendment implements the key land use planning directions of the Colac 2050 Growth Plan by updating planning policy. It also proposes to replace the current Colac Framework Plan with the Colac 2050 Framework Plan.

The amendment comes into operation from 7 December 2020.

A copy of the Amendment can be inspected, free of charge, at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning website at [www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au/public-inspection) and free of charge, at Council's website at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) and during office hours, at Council's Customer Service Centre at 2-6 Rae Street, Colac, Victoria.



## Forest Street Bridge Replacement Works

Roadwork associated with the Forest Street bridge replacement will cease over the Christmas, New Year period however the road will remain closed and traffic management will be in place. Works will recommence in January - project completion date (subject to favourable conditions) is expected to be late February/early March.



## Impounded Sheep

Local Laws Community Safety officers have impounded a Sheep found on Wild Dog Creek Road, Apollo Bay on 13 December, 2020.

If not claimed the animal will be managed as per Section 21 of the Impounding of Livestock Act 1994.

Claimants should contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400.



## Tenders at Colac Otway Shire

### Connor Street Asphalt Works - Hart Street to Corangamite Street, Colac Contract 2110

Colac Otway Shire Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to complete asphalt repair works in Connor Street, from Hart Street to Corangamite Street, Colac including traffic/pedestrian management, public/property occupier liaison, service locations, cold plane milling 1,113 m<sup>2</sup> to 100mm depth, prepare base, tack coat and place CL320/10mm Type H asphalt, crack seal perimeters, reinstate line markings and RRPM's.

Tenders close at 2pm Wednesday, 20 January 2021.

### Memorial Square Playspace Contract 2111

Colac Otway Shire Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the supply and installation of Custom Play Tower and proprietary play pieces in Colac's Memorial Square. Works include rubber surfacing, concrete paths, park furniture including benches, picnic tables, platform seats and drinking water fountain. Works also include landscaping such as planting, fencing and irrigation. Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 27 January 2021.

A copy of each of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at: [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

Submissions must be lodged via the electronic tender box. Late, emailed or posted tenders will not be considered.



## Loading Zones in Colac Otway

To assist local businesses in the busy lead-up to Christmas (and all times of the year) please remember that Loading Zones are for registered Commercial Vehicles only. Thank you to drivers in Colac Otway Shire for doing the right thing.



## Buy Local Colac Otway

Colac Otway Shire Council's Buy Local campaign is currently being rolled out to give local businesses the opportunity to appeal to Christmas shoppers.

Working with over 200 local businesses, Council have developed the campaign alongside the Apollo Bay and Colac Chambers of Commerce to encourage the community to buy local - now and into the future - in response to the COVID pandemic and help boost the local economy.

Contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400, like and follow Council's Facebook page or visit Council's website for updates on the campaign and how to participate.