



Planning Committee meeting

Cancellation | 13 April 2022

The Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 13 April 2022 has been cancelled. There are no planning matters to be determined by the Committee at this time.



Draft Committees Policy

At the Council meeting on 23 March 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the Draft Committees Policy for the purpose of public consultation for no less than an eight-week period.

From today (Friday 25 March 2022), copies of the Draft Committees Policy, including the framework (summary table), will be available:

- Online via Council's website.
- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.

Community members wishing to consult with officers about the draft policy and committee framework are welcome to contact Council officers for further information.

Submissions regarding the revised Draft Committees Policy must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 20 May 2022 via:

- Email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or
- Mail to Draft Committees Policy Consultation, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Committees Policy at a future Council meeting.



Rates Reminder

Reminder notices are being sent out to Colac Otway ratepayers who elected to pay by the lump sum payment option and may have missed their payment (due 15 February 2022).

If you selected this option, please make sure payment is made by 1 April 2022.

Please note, notices were also sent to arrangement option ratepayers to advise their balance, which is required to be paid by 31 May 2022. Please check your current payment level will pay the full amount by 31 May.

Council understands businesses and households are potentially experiencing unprecedented challenges at present. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, we urge you to call our Rates Department Team on 5232 9400 to discuss a payment plan.



Bruce Street site listed for sale

Colac Otway Shire Council, through Colliers International, has listed its land at 36-52 Bruce Street in Colac for sale.

It is zoned for general residential development with a land area of approximately 4.2 hectares and 275 metres of dual street frontage.

The sale will continue Council's aims of opening the land up for much needed residential development, while also facilitating social housing outcomes and financial benefit to ratepayers.

Expressions of Interest close at 2pm on Wednesday 13 April 2022 (AEST). For more information, please contact Colliers agent Andrew Lewis on 0418 508 908 or visit www.colliers.com.au



Notice of Road Works and Pavement Stabilisation Works

Colac Otway Shire Council advises the following road reconstruction works are programmed to be undertaken:

Location: McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay (between Cawood and Thomson Street)
Works: Road reconstruction works

Duration: Work is scheduled to commence 28 March 2022 with works expected to be completed by the end of June 2022.

Road users are asked to seek alternate routes and to take care and observe any warning signs and other traffic control measures in place.

All 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 via email on inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or phone: 5232 9400.



National Ride2School Day

Today is National Ride2School Day! Ride2School Day is a big celebration of active travel and a fun day to look forward to on the school calendar.

The day helps schools to empower and enable students to get physically active on their journey to school, giving them the opportunity to create healthy habits for their future.

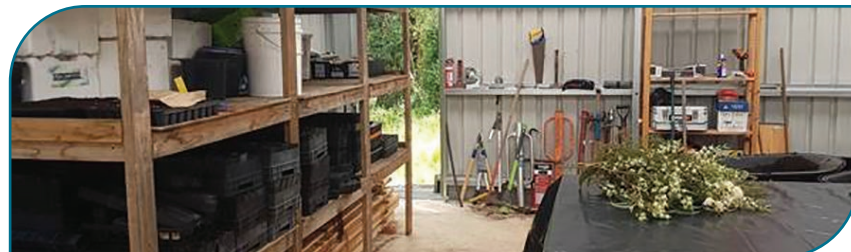
Pictured here are our local Colac Otway students enjoying their ride to school this week.



Weed Treatment

Council wishes to advise that weed treatment will be undertaken along Barongarook Creek over coming weeks and that this will include some in-stream removal of willow and ash saplings.

Any interested community member with any questions or feedback is encouraged to contact Council.



Pictured is the Southern Otway Landcare Network's Community Nursery Support Centre (a new purpose built shed and fit out with plant/nursery benches and storage facilities). This project was successful in receiving funding in the 2021 - 22 Colac Otway Shire Grants Program.



Council's Grants Program for 2022 - 23 - Applications open

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

Guidelines, FAQs, help sheets and the online application form is available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2022 - 2023'.

Applications are now open 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 for assistance and further information.