



## Council meeting

The February Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 22 February 2022

**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:** COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend.

The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 16 February 2023 at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

## Colac Otway Shire Council Countback

**An extraordinary vacancy occurred in Colac Otway Shire Council due to the resignation of Jamie Bell on Wednesday 25 January 2023.**

The extraordinary vacancy will be filled through a countback conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). The countback will be streamed online via webinar from 9.30am on Wednesday 1 March 2023. To view the countback, please visit [www.vec.vic.gov.au](http://www.vec.vic.gov.au)

## Notice of an Application for Planning Permit

**The land affected by the application is located at:**

83 McLachlan Street APOLLO BAY

**The application is for a permit to:** Removal of Building Envelope

**The applicant for the permit is:** A H & L J Jeavons Land Surveyors - SWSG

**The application reference number is:** PP369/2022-1

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority during office hours at Colac Otway Shire Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac (2-6 Rae Street) and 100 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay; or at <http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au>

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before 17 February 2023.

If you object the responsible authority will tell you its decision.

## We're recruiting

If you're interested in working alongside your community, engaging in local projects and helping to make Colac Otway the great place it is to live, work and visit, work with us!

- Bluewater General Purpose Officer
- Bluewater Swim School Instructor
- Financial Accountant
- Health Protection Technical Officer
- Home Care Package Administration Officer
- Senior Workplace Health and Safety Business Partner

For a position description and to apply online, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9529.



## A - Z of Council Services

We're continuing our A to Z of Council Services with G - H and I. Local councils provide a wide range of services from waste collection, to road maintenance, tree planting - and many things in between. Over the next few weeks, we'll run through Council services for each letter of the alphabet, some you may be familiar with, and some you may be interested to learn about.



### G - Grants

Last year in the 2022 - 2023 Grants Program, Council awarded \$311,500 to 84 community organisations, clubs, event organisers and businesses. The Grants Program provides an opportunity for a wide range of organisations and businesses to share in funding for a variety of projects and events within the shire. You can view the full list of last year's recipients on Council's website.

You can subscribe to Council's Community Grants e-newsletters to be notified when the next grant round opens and receive communication from time to time about funding opportunities, services, programs and projects



### H - Health Protection

Council's Health Protection team cover a range of services and operations to ensure the health and safety of businesses and community in Colac Otway Shire. Did you know that free Rapid Antigen Tests (RATs) are now available from various places in the Shire? You can collect up to two packs of RATs per person (or 2 packs per household member) from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay, the Colac Visitor Information Centre and Colac and Apollo Bay Libraries. Visit Council's website for more information.



### I - Immunisation

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the Kindergarten on Pengilly Avenue. Council also manages the free immunisation service for Year 7 and 10 students in the Shire, our Health Protection team have an upcoming visit to Colac, Lavers Hill and Apollo Bay schools for this service in March.



## Reminder, 2022 - 2023 Rates Payments Due

**Please note, ratepayers who elected to pay their 2022 - 2023 Council rates by the lump sum method are reminded the full amount is due to be paid by 15 February 2023.**

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2022 - 2023 rates by the quarterly instalment option are reminded the 3rd quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 28 February 2023 - 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 payment arrangements.



## Family Day Care Educators - Colac Otway Shire

**Colac Otway Shire Council is seeking Family Day Care 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.

For more information, please see the Classifieds section of today's newspaper.



## Community Awards

**Thanks to everyone who submitted a nomination for this year's Colac Otway Community Awards.**

The awards are a great opportunity to recognise someone in our community who makes a positive difference in the lives of others. We look forward to welcoming our community along to the presentation of the Awards at the Kana Festival in March.