

Colac Otway Shire Council welcomes new Councillor

Colac Otway Shire Council is very pleased to welcome Max Arnott as the new Councillor for the shire following a VEC countback which was conducted on Wednesday.

Cr Arnott took the oath of office Wednesday afternoon, Council extend our congratulations to Cr Arnott! Cr Max Arnott is pictured here with Mayor Chris Potter.



Clean Up Australia Day 2023

Clean Up Australia Day is this weekend, with community events to be held on Sunday 5 March 2023. Get your local community group or bunch of friends involved and register an event!

If you need support organising an event, don't hesitate to contact our Environment team at Council on 5232 9400 or head to Clean Up Australia website to register an event - www.cleanup.org.au/create

HPV Vaccine Program

Colac Otway Shire Council is running a HPV catch up program in 2023 for young people who may have missed the opportunity to receive their vaccine due to the impacts of COVID-19.

Council's Health Protection team will be visiting schools in Colac on Tuesday March 7 and schools in Lavers Hill and Apollo Bay on Wednesday March 15 to provide the vaccine, or you can attend immunisation sessions in Colac or Apollo Bay.

Council immunisation sessions are held at COPACC on the first Thursday of the month from 10am - 11.30am and the third Monday of the month from 2.30pm - 4.30pm or by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the Kindergarten on Pengilly Avenue.

For more information on HPV immunisation, please visit: www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au

A - Z of Council Services

We're continuing our A to Z of Council Services with P, Q and R. 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.



P - Purple Bins

Council introduced glass collection in 2021 (collection every four weeks). Putting your glass recycling into the purple bin and keeping it separate from your yellow bin recycling has a huge impact on the quality of other recyclable materials. Since 2021, Colac Otway Shire have contributed to recycling over 500 tonnes of glass!

Join over 3,000 users who have downloaded the Good Sort App for Shire waste information, bin collection dates and more information at your finger-tips or check out Council's website.



Q - Questions

Council has numerous channels for you to ask your questions, and we receive many great questions from our community each day. Our website is a one stop shop with all the details you need to contact us, whether it is to submit a request, ask a question to a town planner or offer a compliment or issue a complaint. Click Contact Council from the homepage.

You can also send an email to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or give us a call on 5232 9400.

You can submit a question for a Council Meeting using our online web form, search 'Submit a Question' via the website.

Questions to Council need to be received by 5pm on the Monday prior to the meeting.



R- Rainbow Flag

Council will fly the Rainbow Flag each year on May 17 for IDAHOBIT following a unanimous vote by Councillors at the February meeting. We're proud to fly the Rainbow Flag to demonstrate our allyship with LGBTQIA+ communities and to take a stand against discrimination. IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersex Discrimination and Transphobia) is celebrated on May 17 each year to mark the anniversary of the World Health Organisation removing homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases.

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, work with us! For current employment opportunities, see the employment notice on this page or visit the Councils website.

- Customer Service Officer Apollo Bay (closes 6/3/23)
- Customer Service Team Leader (closes 7/3/23)
- Council Business Officer (closes 8/3/23)
- Bluewater Operations Coordinator (closes 14/3/23)
- Bluewater Childcare Assistant (closes 20/3/23)
- Bluewater Customer Relations Assistant (closes 22/3/23)
- Multipurpose Officer/Plant Operator (closes 21/3/23)
- Multipurpose Officer Parks & Gardens (closes 23/3/23)

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

International Women's Day

Colac Otway Shire Council is proud to support International Women's Day and invite our community to come along to COPACC on Friday 10 March for a night of amazing food, entertainment and inspiring stories.

Book your tickets online www.copacc.com.au or call the box office on 5232 2077.

Colac Otway Shire Council Grants Program 2023 - 24

Applications Open Today 3 March

Colac Otway Shire Council's Grants Program 2023 - 24 provides grants to assist in funding projects and events that benefit the wider community and help in achieving goals and outcomes consistent with the 2021-2025 Council Plan through strong and resilient economies, natural and built environments and healthy and inclusive communities.

A total pool of \$311,500* is available through three funding streams:

- Community Grants
- Events Grants
- Business Grants

*(subject to Council budget approval)

Information Sessions

Information sessions on applying to the grants program will be held online, please contact Council's Grants Officer to register.

- Wednesday 8 March at 12.30pm
- Thursday 9 March at 5.45pm

How to apply

Visit Council's website to review the NEW Guidelines and apply online at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2023-2024'.

Applications open 9am on Friday 3 March 2023 and close 5pm on Friday 14 April 2023.

For assistance, contact Council's Grants Officer on grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au or (03) 5232 9400.



Expressions of Interest - Lease of the Lake Colac Holiday Park

A fantastic opportunity is currently open to lease the land known as Lake Colac Holiday Park at 51 Fyans Street, Colac. One of the main visitor accommodation sites in Colac, the Lake Colac Holiday Park is located on the foreshore of Lake Colac, beside the Botanic Gardens and boat ramp, and is only a short walk to the Colac CBD.

Colac Otway Shire Council has allocated up to \$500,000 to capital upgrades at the Park and are seeking a well credentialed proponent who can develop and operate a successful caravan/holiday park business contributing to the towns growing tourism industry.

A copy of the Expression of Interest documents can be downloaded from Council's website at www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway

Expressions of Interest close at 2pm, 26 April 2023. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed Expressions of Interest will not be considered.

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