



Permits to Burn and Planned Burns

Commencing 14 March the Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Colac Otway Shire Council (Council) has begun issuing Permits to Burn to agricultural/primary producers for essential agricultural burning.

The permits will be issued for farm operators to burn off residual cropping stubble and grasses in preparation for sowing of next seasons crops and pastures.

The Permits to Burn, either issued by CFA DO6 Assistant Chief Fire Officer or Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, include additional requirements to mitigate risk to both the community and surrounding properties, and contribute to safer working conditions for agricultural operators and employees conducting the burns.

CFA will also be conducting planned burns on roadsides across the northern areas of Corangamite and Colac Otway Shire throughout March and potentially into April with an operation planned around Shelford on Sunday 19 March and further burns the following weekend (Saturday 25 March). Burns are subject to weather **conditions..** During this time there will be a significant presence of CFA appliances and volunteers on the road with traffic management in place. Please be patient and observe any changed traffic conditions.

To stay up to date with the FFMV and CFA autumn planned burn season go to <https://plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au/>

Please remember fire restrictions remain in place until 1 May 2023. While summer may be behind us, the risk of grassfire still remains across the region.



Council meeting

The March Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2023

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 You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 24 March 2023 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



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, visit Council's website.

- **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 5232 9529.



Expression of Interest - Timber Removal, Barongarook

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for the removal of approximately 400 cubic metres of timber logs located in Barongarook.

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

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 5 April 2023. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

Anne Howard
Chief Executive Officer



Presentation of the 2023 Colac Otway Community Awards

The Colac Otway Community Awards will be presented at Kana again in 2023.

Come along and join in the festival fun on the day and celebrate Colac Otway's Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Service of the Year.

When: Saturday 18 March, award presentation at 11am

Where: Colac Kana Festival stage in Memorial Square



Council thanks the organisers of the Colac Kana Festival for including the awards in their program and looks forward to celebrating our with the Colac Otway community at the festival.

Pictured here are the 2022 Community Award Recipients: Community Service Award - Leanne Callahan, Citizen of the Year - Ivan McCallum and Young Citizen of the Year - Sohail Ali.



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 Apollo Bay Kindergarten building located at the Apollo Bay P-12 College site on Pengilly Avenue.



Upcoming immunisations sessions in Colac are:

Monday 20 March, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Thursday 6 April, 10am - 11.30am

People should not attend the session if they or their child is unwell. Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases. For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website for more information.



A - Z of Council Services

We're continuing our A to Z of Council Services with V, W and X. 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.



V - Volunteers

We have many wonderful volunteers throughout Colac Otway who generously give their time for others. At Council, our fabulous volunteers provide valuable support to our community through meals on wheels and providing transport to people who need to attend specialist medical appointments outside Colac.

Did you know the percentage of people who volunteer in Colac Otway is over 25%? That's above the state average of 19.2% Amazing work Colac Otway!

For information about volunteer roles at Council, visit the Council website and look for the Jobs and Tenders section.



W - Waste

Do you ever think to yourself, which bin goes out today? Do I copy my neighbour and hope they got it right?

Don't guess your bins, download the GoodSort app and know for certain which bins go out when! You can even set a reminder for bin night from the app to be delivered to your phone. Also, you can look up which waste materials go where. Check out your app store and search 'goodsort' and join the nearly 3500 residents of Colac Otway Shire who have downloaded the app already!



X - School X-ings

Thank you to our school crossing staff for braving all kinds of weather to help ensure Colac Otway school zone speed restriction rules travel to school. We remind drivers to follow school zone rules during the school term and be on the look out for children making their way to and from school.