



Waste and Recycling

Additional Recycling Services

The weekly yellow bin collections (for hard plastics, aluminium/steel and paper cardboard recycling) are now wrapping up. Week 1 collection areas finish the week ending Friday 2 February and Week 2 collection areas finish this week, with last extra collections today Friday 26 January.

Free Glass Disposal

Council is offering FREE glass disposal at our Transfer Stations in Apollo Bay, Alvie, Birregurra, and at our Drop-Off Facilities at Beech Forest, Carlisle River, Gellibrand and Lavers Hill during January.

Visit Council's website to download the GoodSort App for waste collection calendars and other information.



Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund

Applications are open for the Victorian Government's new fund, Tiny Towns - supporting projects for small communities with up to 5,000 people.

From hiking trails to community hall upgrades, to gallery fit outs, communities can apply for funding to support a range of projects that will make locals in Colac Otway's small towns even prouder to call your town home.

Please note, some applications may require landowner's consent from Colac Otway Shire Council. To ensure you meet the Tiny Towns grant deadline, please submit your request to Council as soon as possible. Please contact Council's Grants Officer on 5232 9400 or email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au

To find out more and apply for grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 visit: www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund



Community Satisfaction Survey

Council would like to inform residents that from 29 January through to mid-March, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

National Field Services has been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of the Colac Otway Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

The survey will involve 400 interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with the Colac Otway Shire Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Council's Customer Service Centre on (03) 5232 9400.



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!

- Supervisor Roads General Maintenance
- Graduate Engineer
- Coordinator Local Laws
- Community Care Worker

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9400.



Council's Services and Operations on 26 January public holiday

Council's Colac Customer Service Centre is closed today, 26 January for the public holiday.

Council's after-hours phone service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for any urgent or animal related matters - please call (03) 5232 9400. For any non-urgent matters, please email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or submit a request via Council's website.



Reminder 2023 - 2024 Rates Payments Due

Please note, ratepayers who elected to pay their 2023 - 2024 Council rates by lump sum are reminded the full amount is due to be paid by 15 February 2023.

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2023 - 2024 rates by the quarterly instalment are reminded the third quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 28 February 2024.

Ratepayers who have not activated the quarterly instalment option, but would like to pay by instalment (to allow extra time to pay) are asked to contact Council's Rates and Revenue department by calling 5232 9400.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should also contact Council Rates and Revenue department to discuss payment arrangements.



Submission Committee meeting

A Submissions Committee of Council will meet (as detailed below) to consider submissions for Colac Otway Shire Council's:

- PP219/2021-1 - Staged Development of twenty-seven (27) Dwellings, additions and alterations to existing buildings and Reduction in Car Parking, 17 Balnagowan Avenue, Colac

Date: Wednesday 31 January 2024

Time: 4pm

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

Only those who lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission can address the meeting. Copies of the meeting agenda will be available Friday 26 January 2024 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Committee meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The meeting will be livestreamed via Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).



Childhood immunisation sessions

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

Upcoming immunisation sessions in Colac are:

- Thursday 1 February - 10am to 11.30am

- Monday 19 February - 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases.

Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Team provides:

- Free immunisation.
- No appointment is necessary.
- Available after school for secondary school catch-up.
- Experienced nurse immunisers who can discuss any questions parents may have.
- Next day upload to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register to ensure continuity of benefit payments and issue of school enrolment certificates.

For enquiries contact: Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit - 5232 9429.



2024 Victorian Skate Park Leagues (SPL) Competition and All Aboard Skateboarding Session

A great day was had on Wednesday in Apollo Bay for the All Aboard Skateboarding Session and the Victorian Skate Park Leagues Competition.

Thanks to everyone who had a go at skateboarding or competed on the day! Pictured here are some keen youngsters who practiced their rad skills at the All Aboard session.