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The Community Awards provides opportunity for recognition and celebration. Pictured from left are this year's winners: Joseph Ames, Brian Menzies and Lyn Russell.

Colac Otway Celebrates Community Awards

Council congratulates the 2024 Colac Otway Community Award recipients, who were officially recognised at an awards presentation and National Volunteer Week celebration.

The Community Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge and thank members of our community for their dedication and positive contributions to Colac Otway.

Our shire is made up of many wonderful people who do great things and we celebrated the achievements of three remarkable people in our region, our Citizen of the Year – Lyn Russell, Young Citizen of the Year – Joseph Ames and Community Service Award recipient – Brian Menzies.

Lyn has a lifetime of achievements supporting causes in the Colac area. The former nurse and widow spent 8 years on Council and was Mayor in 2009-10. But it was her community work with the likes of Colac Kana Festival, Colac Youth Club, football, basketball, Colac Woodturners and Woodcrafters Guild, and the Colac Quilters which saw her nominated for the awards.

Joseph was recognised as an outstanding community member and volunteer lifesaver and for his dedication in keeping the public safe on our coast.

Brian is a dedicated Life Member of the Colac Basketball Association who has volunteered for decades as a referee, coach, administrator and mentor.

This year, we celebrated our Community Award winners at an event during National Volunteer Week. The awards recognise volunteers within the community, therefore it seems fitting to hold the event during the national week celebrations.

An event during National Volunteer Week also provided Council with the opportunity to extend an invitation to the people who do terrific volunteer work in the shire.

It was so enjoyable to have many of our volunteers gather together, to enjoy a celebration and for Councillors to personally thank people who donate their time and energy toward making Colac Otway the wonderful place it is.

We congratulate everyone who was nominated for an award this year, and this year's Community Award recipients, and would encourage residents to consider nominating outstanding examples of community involvement again in 2025.



A Message from the CEO

Welcome to our re-launched Colac Otway Connection!

We know from our community consultations that many residents of Colac Otway are looking for regular communication in this format.

This edition contains stories about our community award winners, the attractions of Apollo Bay, the October Council elections, electric car chargers, happenings at Bluewater Leisure Centre and shows coming up at Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre.

And importantly it also provides a snapshot of Council initiatives leading to improvements across our shire.

With housing shortages one of our region's great challenges, we were thrilled to receive \$2 million from the Federal Government to explore solutions for future housing delivery for regional areas. You can read more about that on Page 11.

Finally, I encourage you to visit our website and go to the 'Have Your Say' section to contribute to Council's consideration of issues across the shire.

Our social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram are also good places to find fresh information from Council.

Kind Regards,
Anne Howard



New Playspace is a Hit

Winifred Nance Kindergarten's upgraded playspace was officially opened on Friday, 16 August 2024.

Featuring new garden areas with a focus on natural play elements, the rock tunnel, sandpit and a huge mud pit are hits with the three and four-year-old kinder children.

The playspace is part of ongoing improvements to the cen-

tre, which commenced in 2019 with major renovations to the much-loved kindergarten building.

The renewal project has received funding through the State Government's Building Blocks Improvement Grant Program, Council, Barwon Child Youth and Family and the Parents and Carers Committee..

Wombat Crossing Improves Safety

When is a zebra crossing not a zebra crossing? When it's a wombat crossing.

Council has improved road safety for our community with a new pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Queen and Wilson Streets in Colac.

Wombat crossings do two things. The crossing has traditional zebra stripe road markings, which gives priority to pedestrians, and the raised crossing hump encourages motorists to slow down at the crossing.

Council has applied to the Safe Roads Fund for funding to transform other Shire roads with safety upgrades including more wombat crossings in key locations.



Colac Otway is Committed to Caring

Colac Otway Shire Council will continue to play a role in aged care services for the community.

Council has confirmed its intention to continue to have a role in the provision of aged care services and will now prepare for delivery under the Support at Home program and other reforms being introduced by the Commonwealth Government.

Council has determined to narrow its focus to options that continue service delivery, and has resolved to stop any further consideration of the option to exit all services.

Council arrived at this decision after considering a breadth of issues including the community feedback that its aged care services are highly valued and trusted by the community.

Councillors are still to determine exactly what its future service mix might be, and officers will refine the options from the consultant's report as quickly as possible.

The review has shown that regardless of the final mix of aged care services we provide, there is plenty of demand to keep our current workforce busy. Council is committed to the service being successful under the Commonwealth Government's sector reforms and will invest in increased management and support, technology and tools, training and quality assurance.



Council Calendar

- ✓ **Update your details**
Have you changed your name or moved house recently? Make sure you update your details with Colac Otway Shire Council. You can update your details online or email the changes to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au
- ✓ **Sign up for eNotices**
Did you know you can sign up to receive and pay your rates online?
Visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/eNotice to sign up to the digital service. You will need a copy of your Rates Notice when you first subscribe to the service.

Charging Towards Zero Emissions



Council's Liza Kennedy and Adrian Healey were among the first to make use of the Apollo Bay charging station.

Colac Otway Shire Council has responded to the growth in electric vehicles and a desire to deliver on environmental strategies with the introduction of new electric vehicle chargers in Apollo Bay and Colac.

Electric vehicle chargers in Apollo Bay went live in January and have now been followed up by installation of new charger stations in Johnstone's Carpark in Colac.

The universal chargers provide greater certainty for locals and tourists planning their trips throughout the shire and along the Great Ocean Road.

And long-term, the charging stations will also assist our community to reduce transport-related greenhouse gas emissions and support the shift to electric vehicles.

A key objective of Council's Environmental Sustainability Strategy is to encourage community efforts to transition to a zero-carbon environment, including the electrification of transport and enhanced public transport services across the region.

Council's Climate Action Plan also called for public electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the shire to encourage the uptake of electrical vehicles through partnerships, through advocacy and through strategic planning.

We've seen enormous growth in electric vehicle uptake amongst residents and visitors to the region, and we look forward to delivering more charging stations to support that.

Entertainment for everyone

COPACC delivers something for everyone with exciting shows and performances suitable for the whole family.

Dave O'Neil has been making people laugh with his cheeky brand of humour for over 30 years and now he is bringing it to Colac.



Overweight Lightweight is Dave's brand-new stand-up show. A sell-out at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival, *Overweight Lightweight* comes to the COPACC stage on Wednesday 18 September.

With years of breakfast radio on *Nova*, frequent appearances on *Spicks and Specks*, a bunch of podcasts (including *Somehow Related* with Glenn Robbins and *The Junkees* with Kitty Flanagan) and a reputation for taking any corporate gig he is offered, it takes a lot to throw this comedian off his game!

Dave will be joined by his friend and regular on *The Debrief* podcast, Brad Oakes for what will be a night of laughs with two of Australia's longest working comedians.

Book your tickets for Dave O'Neill's *Overweight Lightweight* online at

www.copacc.com.au or give the box office a call on 5232 9418

Highwire Entertainment and Petit Circus invites you to step into their restaurant for an afternoon of high-energy fun with **Bon Appetit**.

A delightful, messy show that will have the whole family hungry for more. The performance will feature amazing acrobatics, world class juggling, hula hooping and ridiculous musical comedy.

A perfect school holiday show for the whole family to enjoy.

Highwire Entertainment's *Petit Circus: Bon Appetit* is on at COPACC on Wednesday 2 October 2024 at 2pm. The show runs for 60 minutes.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for concession and \$16 for COPACC 2024 Members.

COPACC presents **The Grigoryan Brothers – Past, Present and Future**.

The Grigoryan Brothers are recognised as two of Australis's finest musicians. Between them, Slava and Leonard Grigoryan have received four ARIA awards and 24 ARIA award nominations, and in their show, Past, Present and Future the classical guitarists pay tribute to those artists who have inspired them.

The Grigoryan Brothers – Past, Present and Future is on Sunday 13 October starting at 2pm. This concert will be held in the Civic Hall with tickets starting at \$28 for COPACC 2024 Members.



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Bluewater Pool Upgrade

Bluewater's 25-metre lap pool and toddler pool was closed from 1 July 2024 for five weeks due to essential maintenance work.

The edge tiles, grates and drainage system around the main pool area were replaced and contractors worked seven days a week to complete the works.

Meanwhile Council is making an application to the Federal Government to seek funding support for the electrification of the heat pump at Bluewater.

If successful, Council would be required to contribute 50% of the cost, around \$1.34 million.

Going electric will provide significant cost savings of around \$140,000 per year and reduce carbon emissions in line with Council's Climate Action Plan adopted in late 2023.



What's on in... Forrest

Forrest Mountain Bike Trails have just received a \$2.3M refurbishment.

Forrest now offers both XC (cross country), Jump Flow trails and a world-class skills park and pump track, and a kids and adaptive rider friendly pump track.

The trails are suitable for year-round riding.

Irrewarra

The Colac Aerodrome runway lighting system has been upgraded.

Work commenced on Monday, July 15 and continued throughout August.

Work at the aerodrome was completed ahead of schedule with runways reopening on August 12.



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Spend time learning about our native animals at Wildlife Wonders before you tickle your tastebuds with an icecream from Dooley's Ice Creamery.

Rediscover Your Backyard

Having a world-renowned destination like the Great Ocean Road in our shire sometimes results in visitors exploring the area more intently than Colac Otway residents and property owners might.

Apollo Bay is an ideal base for a short stay, a long stay, or a day trip, with a range of experiences to suit all ages.

Whether you're exploring the coast, enjoying the unspoilt beauty of the Otways, or simply relaxing by the beach, this is a destination for all.

Families will enjoy the Apollo Bay Playground, Apollo Bay Aquatic Centre, weekly Storytime at Wildlife Wonders, the skatepark, the foreshore carnival (in summer), the inflatable park (every school holidays), nature's playground (rockpools, rainforest walks, Shelly Beach) or stingray spotting at the Apollo Bay Harbour.

The Cape Otway Light Station and Otway Fly Treetop Adventures also offer educational and nature-based experiences for all ages.

Adventure Seekers can try surfing, kayaking, fishing, ziplining, or tackle the Great Ocean Walk. Nature Lovers will enjoy hiking, take a guided tour at Wildlife Wonders and learn about our native wildlife and the Otway black (flesh eating) carnivorous snails.

Apollo Bay is on the door step of the Great Otway National Park – there's a plethora of stunning nature based experience on offer a short drive from Apollo Bay.

The Otway Walks and Waterfall map is available online or from the Colac Otway Shire's Visitor Information Centres in Apollo Bay and Colac:

Foodies can try and buy everything from the Otways food bowl at local restaurants, pubs and bars, cafes and outlets.

Apollo Bay is best known for its Southern Rock Lobster and the Apollo Bay Fishermen's Co-op is a great place to buy/sample the local catch.

There is an endless list of local produce to enjoy or take home with you as you explore the shops.

And if you just want to slow down, you can't get any more relaxing than the beach, the sounds of the crashing waves and the soft sand between your toes – our coastline is perfect for a wander and it's not too hard to find a secluded cove.

Accommodation options range from budget friendly to five-star.

Choose the caravan park option for family activities, or at the top of the scale Chocolate Gannets who walked away with Gold at the 2023 Victorian Tourism Awards, and Silver at the Australian Tourism Awards in the 5 Star Luxury Accommodation category.

Whether you are after something with a view of the ocean, or prefer to be tucked up by a cosy fire right in the rainforest, Apollo Bay has it all.

And at some point in your stay, you are sure to enjoy that sense of stopping, reconnecting with family and friends, and forgetting about your hectic lifestyle.

Find a gap in your calendar and make a date to spend some time in and around Apollo Bay!

Rediscover your backyard - call the friendly team at the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre on 1300 689 297 for more information.



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Success for 2024-25 Grants Recipients

Seventy-eight community organisations, clubs, event organisers and businesses from across Colac Otway Shire are sharing in more than \$311,500 in Council grants.

It's wonderful to see a diverse range of projects and initiatives funded by the Colac Otway Shire Grants Program, with many of the shire's small towns represented in the successful grant applications.

The 2024-25 grant recipients are listed below. Be sure to visit our website to see what they will be using their funding for. If you would like to be notified about the next round of our Community Grant Program and other funding opportunities, sign up to the Economic Development eNewsletter and select the Community Grants database.

Community Grants

Western District Axemen's Association
 Apollo Bay Surf Life Saving Club
 Apollo Bay & District Historical Society
 2nd Colac Sea Scouts
 West Warrion Cricket Club
 Gellibr & Community House Inc.
 Gellibr & CFA Brigade
 Birregurra Golf Club
 Colac Pony Club
 Kennett River Association
 Colac Otway Rovers AFC
 Birregurra Mechanics Hall auspice by
 Birregurra Community Group Inc.
 Birregurra Recreation Reserve
 Committee of Management
 Colac Golf Club
 Yeodene Public Hall & Recreation
 Reserve Committee of Management
 Beeac Community Centre Inc.
 Colac Rifel Club Inc.
 Irrewarra Football Netball Club Inc.
 Ridge to Cape Landcare Group auspice
 by Southern Otway Landcare Network
 The Colac Players Incorporated
 Shrub Club Community Nursery auspice
 by Southern Otway Landcare Network
 Colac Woodcrafters Guild Inc.
 Warrion Public Hall Committee Inc.
 Irrewillipe Sports & Entertainment
 Complex
 Warworie Recreation Reserve
 Forrest Cricket Club
 Cororooke Tennis Club

Cake Decorators Association of VIC -
 Colac Branch
 Colac Otway Residents Action Group
 Inc.
 Elliminty Tennis Club
 Beech Forest & District Progress
 Association
 Apollo Bay Arts Inc.
 Colac Otway Archers Inc.
 Phillipino-Australian Bayanihan Colac
 Inc.
 Apollo Bay Mechanics Hall Committee
 of Management
 Forrest Riding Club
 Colac & District Historical Society Inc.
 Otway Harvest Trail
 Otway Enduro Club
 Tomahawk Creek Cricket Club.

Event Grants

Climat Action Team
 Colac West Primary School
 Rapid Ascent
 Let's Talk Colac
 Apollo Bay WordFest auspiced by
 Apollo Bay Arts Inc.
 Rotary Club of Colac Inc.
 Colac Orchid Club
 Colac & District Adult Riding Club
 Colac City B& Inc.
 Homestead Australia P/L
 Southern Exposure
 Birregurra Community Group Inc.
 Western Eagles Football & Netball Club
 Beeac Progress Association

Warrion Flower Show Committee
 auspice by Warrion Public Hall Inc.
 Colac Kana Festival Inc.
 Colac Otway Volunteers Leasers
 Network auspice by Community Hub
 Inc.
 Colac Area Health Foundation
 Conservation Ecology Centre
 Swim Apollo Bay Inc.
 Wye to Wongarra Landcare Group Inc.
 Ace Radio Colac
 WinderWild 2025 auspice by Apollo Bay
 Chamber of Commerce
 International Management Group of
 America P/L
 Apollo Bay Seafood Festival 2025
 auspice by Apollo Bay Chamber of
 Commerce
 Ska Nation Music Festival
 Apollo Bay & District Agricultural Society
 Inc.

Business Grants

The Brown Dog Furniture Company
 Murray Square Owners Corporation
 Colac Treasure Hunters
 Apollo Bay Childcare Service
 Otway Distillery
 Rod Bright & Associates P/L
 Lake View Cafe
 B & K Bridges
 Big4 Apollo Bay Pisces Holiday Park
 Colac Otway Caravan & Cabin Park
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To find out more about our Community Grants Program and the recipients of the 2024/25 grants, or to sign up to our newsletter visit our website.

colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Grants





Botanic Gardens Masterplan is a Roadmap for the Future

Council's Draft Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan has received valuable feedback from the community and user groups ensuring the final product will help preserve and improve a much-loved asset over the coming decades.

Initial consultation seeking community input toward development of the draft plan commenced back in September 2023, which included meetings with several stakeholder groups and 270 responses to the online survey with thoughts and ideas gathered from this feedback used to guide preparation of the plan.

A briefing with Councillors and the consultant in November 2023 added to information in the draft masterplan.

Council had a great response with people keen to provide input to the early development stages of the draft masterplan, and people interested to view the draft and provide feedback.

One of the key aspects of the community feedback included considerable interest in holding more events at the gardens, such as concerts and large events.

The draft masterplan proposes historic lawn terraces be re-established, running up the hill, which would increase space for people to sit and provide greater flexibility for the various types of events that could be staged at the gardens and on the foreshore.

Proposals include relocating the CFA running track, and establishing a new five metre pedestrian pathway which also aims to offer pedestrian friendly access to the event area in all types of weather and provide safe vehicle ac-

cess for event setup.

Part of this work to support events in the Gardens would be improving drainage and permanent infrastructure like power and water to make setting up stages and other infrastructure easier.

Should the Draft Masterplan be approved, part of the next stage of the design process would be to make sure the configuration of the event space works for users.

The next steps for Council seeking to develop the central foreshore area as a regional event space would be to work with local businesses and Council's Events team to determine what facilities and services would be required.

Council is proud of the Draft Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan, and whilst it already reflects community feedback received to date, we have continued to take onboard further feedback from residents of Colac and surrounding regions and visitors who enjoy using this space.

The Draft Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan was on exhibition on Council's website for five weeks until August 5.

Submissions were heard at a Submission Committee Meeting on August 14 and recommendations on the Draft Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan will be heard at a future Council Meeting.

You can keep up to date on the evolution of the Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan on our website.

Will you Consider Serving Your Local Community?

The next Victorian local council elections will be held by postal ballot in October 2024 and if you have an interest in making positive change in your community now is the time to explore the path to becoming a local Councillor.

Anyone interested in standing for Council should make use of the resources provided by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC), the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and Local Government Victoria to access information about the role of a Councillor and the election process. Please conduct your own research, talk to people involved in Council and reach out to Council or one of the peak bodies if you have questions.

We welcome people from diverse backgrounds and encourage you to explore the possibilities.

Taking a seat at your local Council and helping to lead your community is a privilege that very few people get to experience, but one that is extremely interesting and rewarding.

We need people from varied backgrounds to provide input into our decision-making to help ensure the broad

Key Dates

Council Election Period Commences
Tuesday 17 September 2024

Nominations Open
Monday 9 September 2024

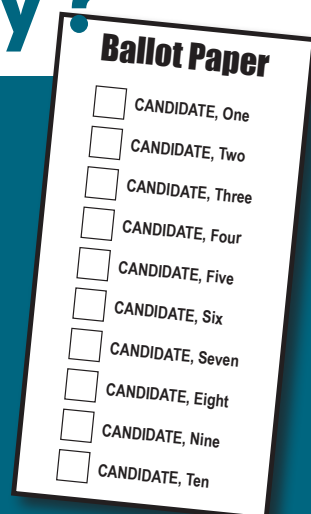
Close of Nominations
12 noon on Tuesday 17 September 2024

Mailout of Ballot Packs
Monday 7 October to Thursday 10 October 2024

Close of Voting
6pm on Friday 25 October 2024 (postal ballots must be in the mail by this time for your vote to be counted)

Election Day
Saturday 26 October 2024 (no in person voting)

Election to be declared by no later than Friday 15 November 2024



views of the community are represented.

The MAV is conducting a series of information sessions across the state. Please see the MAV website for full details on how to register: mav.asn.au

Separate to this there is a compulsory candidate training course provided by Local Government Victoria.

See their website for full details: www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au

If you or someone you know is considering standing for Council, please take note of the key dates above and gather as much information as possible.



Immunisation Program Changes

Council undertakes regular vaccination programs to prevent or reduce the effects of vaccine preventable diseases.

Along with our free childhood immunisation program, Council also offers school, maternal health and flu vaccination programs.

Council's immunisation sessions have moved to an on-line booking system through the Victorian Department of Health, Central Immunisation Records Victoria (CIRV).

Bookings are made online at portal.cirv.vic.gov.au

If you haven't used CIRV before, you will need to create an account the first time you use the booking portal.

New GM Appointed

Council CEO Anne Howard has welcomed the appointment of Doug McNeill as the new General Manager Infrastructure and Operations.

Doug had been performing the role in an acting capacity in recent months.

"We had an incredible response from the market with a high number of applicants with many great skills and experiences", Ms Howard said.

"In a very competitive field, Doug stood out with his breadth and depth of experience, his genuine leadership and integrity and his ability to bring together diverse teams to work together to achieve the strategic goals that will benefit our community, strengthen our organisation's capability and build a great workplace."

Doug has worked for Council for 15 years and performed critical roles in planning and strategic focus, environmental health, planning compliance, building services and customer experience.

In this new role Doug will oversee assets and engineering, services and operations and healthy environments.



New Toilet Facilities Welcomed

The newly constructed Memorial Square toilet facilities in central Colac opened to the public in June and have been appreciated by both locals and visitors.

The toilet block features Colac Otway's first Changing Places facility, male and female toilets, all-gender toilets, an all-gender ambulant bathroom facility, and a family room with a baby change area and accessible toilet.

Offering a Changing Places facility in Colac means we open up our region to a whole sector of the community who may not otherwise have found it convenient or possible to travel to Colac Otway and surrounds for business or pleasure.

Changing Places facilities are designed for people with high support needs and their carers.

Changing Places are larger than standard accessible toilets and have extra features and more space, which provides suitable facilities for people who are not accommodated by standard accessible toilets.

These are fantastic new facilities designed to cater for all needs and have been a welcome addition to Colac.

The new toilets facilities were funded



MLAK

2018-2019



Toilets / MLAK

2018-2019



Unisex Toilet LH / MLAK

2018-2019

Toilet facilities with dedicated disability access that use the MLAK system can be identified by these logos.

What is a MLAK Key?

The Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK) system allows people with a disability access to dedicated public facilities.

MLAK keys will open Changing Places facilities, playground equipment and even elevators at railway stations fitted with a lock that uses the special MLAK cylinder.

You can order an MLAK key from the Master Locksmith's Association: www.masterlocksmiths.com.au/mlak

Victorian Companion Card holders are entitled to one free MLAK key through a partnership with the Victorian Government.

by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, the Victorian Government's Changing Places Program and Colac Otway Shire.

The National Public Toilet Map provides information on over 19,000 public available toilets across Australia,

including accessibility, opening hours and facilities, such as showers and baby change facilities.

Visit www.toiletmap.gov.au to search for a facility or download the National Public Toilet App for your Apple or Android device.

The Australian Government's new Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program will provide \$2.01 million to establish two key worker housing sites for an estimated 150 people.

More than just a place to live

Colac Otway Adaptable Precincts
A blueprint for future housing delivery

Partnership pays off with \$2m Federal Funding Towards Innovative Housing

Council and its partners will receive funding for precincts in Colac and Apollo Bay that aim to create an adaptable blueprint for future housing delivery that may be a game-changer for regional communities in need of affordable and key worker housing.

The Australian Government's new Regional Precincts and Partnerships Program will provide \$2.01 million to establish two key worker housing sites for an estimated 150 people.

Council CEO Anne Howard said the Colac Otway Adaptable Precincts project would create a new benchmark for affordable and key worker housing in Australia.

"This project will demonstrate that precinct planning for regional towns can be streamlined, innovative, sustainable and adaptive," Ms Howard said.

The successful funding application, one of just six announced across regional Australia, was a result of collaboration with regional partners and Council's advocacy for solutions to the Key and Essential Worker Housing Crisis it declared in 2021.

Council was approached by Urbis, Deakin University and FormFlow to consider partnering in the development of a solution to our affordable and key worker housing shortage and we jumped at the chance. These groups were aware of Colac Otway's urgent housing issues through involvement in some of our regional partnerships.

Together we developed a submission to the new program announced by the Australian Government last August with an extremely tight deadline, and we're delighted that the hard work has paid off for our community.

Council is excited to have support to undertake the community engagement and master-planning of two important precincts that blend high quality modular housing into established urban precincts.

And Council believes these precincts will be able to adapt to changing needs over time, and can be successfully rolled out as a model elsewhere in Australia.

The \$400 million RPPP supports transformative investment in regional, rural and remote Australia which will focus on a partnership approach to deliver regional precincts that are tailored to local needs and have a shared vision in how that precinct connects to the region.

The RPPP is a grants program that provides funding through two grant streams to support both the design and development of precincts, and delivery of construction-ready precinct projects.

Council's long-term goal is to see the two parcels of public land in these precincts progress through the consultation, design and approval stage within a 12-18 month period.

Innovation in housing design and delivery is a key driver in this project.



Don't miss out on opportunities to have your say on projects open for feedback. Subscribe to our Community Consultations page and receive alerts sent to your inbox colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations





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2024-25 Waste Collection Calendars

Binfluencer (bin-flu-enc-er)

Noun

The person on your street who always puts their wheelie bins out first on bin day and the rest of the neighbours follow.

The 2024-25 waste collection calendars are available to pick up at one of our customer service centres.

You will also be able to download a copy of the calendar from the Colac Otway Shire Website.

If you're unsure which calendar you should use, give our friendly customer service team a call on 5232 9400 and they can provide the right advice.

Or, you can download the GoodSort App and have reminders sent directly to your phone about which bin is due for collection, be alerted to any changes or delays to your kerbside service and access a quick reference guide of what goes in each wheelie bin.

Download the GoodSort App and receive bin night reminders, check what goes in each bin and get service change or delay alerts.

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2024 Election Period

The *Local Government Act 2020* says that during the 'election period,' the Council can't perform certain functions or use certain powers.

This 'election period' starts on the last day for nominations and ends at 6pm on Election Day.

You may have also heard the term caretaker period used in the past.

Council's Election Period Policy ensures that general elections for the Colac Otway Shire are ethical, fair, and equal.

It also helps the local government continue its regular work responsibly and transparently during the election period, following legal requirements and established conventions.

This Policy also commits Council during the election period to:

- Avoid making significant new policies or decisions that could unreasonably bind a future Council, and
- Ensure that public resources, including staff resources, are not used in election campaigning or in a way that may improperly influence the result of an election, or improperly advantage existing Councillors as candidates in the election

Turn to page nine to read about how you can stand for council.

Council's Governance Rules are available to read on our website: www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Council-Policies

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