

ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

The April 2020 Council meeting will be held on:

DATE: Wednesday 22 April 2020

TIME: 4pm

VENUE: COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac

Copies of the agenda will be available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au on Friday 17 April.

Council meetings are open to the public however in response to the COVID-19 situation, Council must adhere to social distancing measures and only people who absolutely need to be at the meeting should attend. Audio recordings of Council meetings are available via Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting.

COVID-19 - IMPACT ON BUSINESS

Council's Economic Development and Tourism team is reaching out to our local business community via phone, email and online survey to better understand the impact COVID-19 is having on business operations and ways Council can help.

Business owners can complete an online survey at any time by visiting <https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/News-media/Colac-Otway-COVID-19-Impact-on-Business>

Within the survey, you can sign up to receive regular communications from Council on the latest COVID-19 information and funding support, or you can request a call back from the Economic Development and Tourism team.

EASTER WASTE COLLECTION

Kerbside collections

Kerbside collections due to fall on Good Friday (10 April) will be carried out on Easter Saturday (11 April). All other collections will continue as normal. Residents are asked to please place bins on the kerbside the night before as collection times may alter.

Transfer stations hours

Alvie Transfer Station - closed Good Friday (10 April) and Easter Sunday (12 April). Open 10am to 3pm Easter Saturday (11 April).

Apollo Bay Transfer Station - closed Good Friday (Friday 10 April) and open from 10am to 2pm on Easter Saturday (11 April), Easter Sunday (12 April) and Easter Monday (13 April). Winter trading hours will commence from Wednesday 15 April. Please check Council's website for details.

Birregurra Transfer Station - open Easter Saturday (11 April) 10am to 4pm, closed Easter Sunday (12 April).

Drop off facilities

There are no changes to drop off facilities during Easter; please visit Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au for further information on drop off locations and days of operation.

Contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400 or inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au for further information.

STORMWATER ASSETS UPGRADE STRATEGIC PLAN

Colac Otway Shire Council advise that as part of the Stormwater Assets Upgrade Strategic Plan, contractors will carry out construction works for the extension of the recently constructed Thomson Street drainage outfall pipes from the end of the existing pipes to the beachside line of the sand dunes. The works will include the installation of a new headwall at the end of the new pipes and placed rock erosion control.

Construction works are scheduled to commence on 20 April 2020 and are scheduled to take approximately 4-6 weeks to complete.

During the construction period the area will be fenced off however public access will be maintained by the installation of temporary pedestrian management devices. A temporary contractor's compound will be established in a portion of the carpark on the Great Ocean Road for the duration of the works.

Pedestrians are asked to take care and observe signage and barriers while in the vicinity of the work area. Council thanks you for your patience while these important works are undertaken. For further information, please contact Council's Project Manager – Infrastructure on (03) 5232 9450.

COUNCIL ASSISTANCE

If you are experiencing financial difficulties because of the COVID-19 situation, Colac Otway Shire Council is urging community members to call and discuss any Council payments and make alternative arrangements. However, we need to know if you can't make a payment (even your Animal registration - due on April 10) including if you have a scheduled direct debit. Please call us on 5232 9400 to work out the best option for your situation.

PORT OF APOLLO BAY OPERATIONS UPDATE

Boat Ramp Closure To Recreational Boating & Fishing (COVID-19)
The State Government has responded to the COVID-19 situation by banning recreational boating and fishing.

The Port of Apollo Bay is still operational and open to commercial fishing, however the boat ramp is closed to all recreational boaters and anglers.

If you can stay home, you must stay home. If you need more information contact the National COVID-19 Hotline 1800 020 080

Harbour dredging

Apollo Bay Harbour Dredging will start on 20 April 2020 and is expected to be complete by 20 June 2020.

Further information is available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

FIRE RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN COLAC OTWAY

Fire restrictions, as declared by the Country Fire Authority, remain in place in Colac Otway Shire. This means you cannot light a fire in the open air unless you have a permit. If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted.

Colac Otway Shire fire restrictions are scheduled to end on 1 May 2020. For further information visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au

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