

Colac Otway

COMMUNITY *Matters*



Colac Otway
SHIRE

Santa RELAXES AFTER HIDING *Lucky Stars*



LOCALISED local business directory
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MAYORAL matters



New Mayor Cr Jason Schram is looking forward to keeping the momentum going as Colac Otway nears the end of a year of real achievements and progress.

Cr Schram, a born and bred Colac businessman, was voted in to lead Colac Otway Shire Council for 12 months in November, with former Mayor Cr Joe McCracken becoming Deputy Mayor.

“Council’s worked together to get some great projects off the ground this year, from the Lake Colac foreshore transformation to securing funding to make really significant changes along the coast,” Cr Schram said.

“Making the lake a more attractive place to spend time is a project I’ve been passionate about a long time before I became a councillor.

“So I’m really proud that Council has been able to clean up the foreshore to create a beach area, do a lot of revegetation work and put in a new path and seats.

“There’s a better view of the lake from the Botanic Café and the upgrade of the Rowing Club building is starting to take shape,” he said.

“Having a young family in Colac and a son with special needs and also a grandmother in aged care in Colac, I will also focus on and continue to build on the great work done by carers, youth workers, elderly service providers and volunteers we have in Colac Otway and will continue to advocate for improving lifestyles of all Colac Otway residents.”

Chief Executive Peter Brown was appointed this year, Cr Schram said Council is really pleased to have Peter and all General Managers living in the shire, working alongside councillors and the community to plan for the future.

“Council has been successful in gaining more than \$20 million in state or federal funding for a range of upcoming projects including the development of the Apollo Bay Harbour Precinct, the Skenes Creek walking trail, parking and amenity improvements at Kennett River, Colac’s Memorial Square

playground, lighting and new netball courts at Central Reserve and an upgrade of Western Oval,” Cr Schram said.

“There are also opportunities for local residents to have their say on important issues including the shire’s Tourism Parking and Traffic Strategy coming up we will be developing an Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan.

“I’d encourage everyone to get involved with Council initiatives and projects, have a safe summer holiday period and make the most of everything Colac Otway has to offer.”

SEASONAL opening hours

Council’s customer service centres will be closed over the Christmas and New Year period.



COLAC Closed 4pm Friday 21 Dec
Reopen 8.30am Wednesday 2 Jan

APOLLO BAY Closed 1.15pm Friday 21 Dec
Reopen 8.45am Wednesday 2 Jan

Visit colacotway.vic.gov.au for details on other Council services during the festive season.

Council would like to wish everyone a happy Christmas!

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SPREADING Christmas Cheer

Have your kids found a lucky star while shopping in Colac or Apollo Bay?

The return of the Lucky Star Competition to shops throughout Colac and Apollo Bay this festive season is part of a joint initiative to spread Christmas cheer across Colac Otway Shire.

Colac Otway Shire Council, the Apollo Bay Chamber of Commerce, Colac Chamber of Commerce and local business people have worked together in the lead-up to the Christmas shopping season to not only plan the competition but also decorate the two shopping centres.

Council has also worked with local businesses on the design and printing of decorations for Colac and Apollo Bay.

The aim has been to bring a uniform design and theme across the shire with Christmas decorations so that visitors and locals can see a consistent brand when shopping and enjoying time in the shire's two major centres.

But this year's decorations - which are reusable and include banners for shop windows, footpath stickers and seat wraps – are just the beginning!

Colac Otway Shire Council and local business working groups



Local traders Jenny Harty and Cressi Golding celebrate the season

are planning for Christmas to just get bigger and better every year to entice shoppers to our towns.

Street banners and more decorations are on the list, and we'll be checking it twice, as we keep working together to capture the festive spirits of our communities.

Enjoy shopping and encourage your kids to search for the Lucky Star, with \$50 to be won each week in the lead-up to Christmas in Colac and Apollo Bay. See competition details below.

LOCALISED...

leading the way for business growth

Local businesses have a new, easy way to promote their home-grown expertise for free and to network with other businesses, which might not know they exist or the services they offer.

Colac Otway Shire Council has invested in Localised, a new initiative that provides an opportunity for business people across the G21 region to link up and promote their products and services in Colac Otway, Surf Coast, Queenscliff, Golden Plains and Geelong.

Localised provides local businesses with an opportunity to connect with more than 1700 businesses that they may never have known existed.

It's a chance for business people to promote themselves to locals, new-to-the-area business customers and external companies investing or working in our region, making it easy for businesses to find and contact each other.

Council hopes to generate more local sales by giving businesses a free advertising platform as well as the ability to showcase what their business does.

Businesses will hear about big projects and contracts across the region, including from organisations which are all doing work in our backyard and need local trades or services.

Council has previously provided a free online business database and this is a new platform to offer that and more.

It also allows for businesses to hear about business events, read articles about business projects, training opportunities or announcements regarding grants that might benefit them.

Businesses will also have access to a huge amount of information from Council's Economic Development and Tourism team, which was a clear message coming through from businesses during the recent development of the draft Colac Otway Economic Development Strategy; businesses want support and Localised will put them in contact with Council to gain that support.

Colac Otway launched Localised last month and businesses can sign up now for free and start 2019 with all the information and connections they need to build their brand and start growing.

*find the
Lucky Star*

KIDS' COMPETITION

1. Find the lucky Christmas stars – there is one in Apollo Bay and one in Colac each week. You'll find the stars hiding somewhere in participating businesses.
2. Enter online – get an adult to help you. Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018LuckyStar>
3. As soon as you find one star you can enter the competition, please only one entry per child, per week.
4. The location of the star changes each week: 3 - 9 December, 10 - 16 December and 17-21 December. You have plenty of opportunities to find a star and enter.
5. Follow Council's Facebook page for weekly updates, clues and prize winners.

WHAT'S ON *Events*



2018 KEY PROJECTS

- Work completed as part of Lake Colac Foreshore Masterplan, including beach reclamation project, installation of park furniture and safety lighting. Sealed carpark near the rowing club, footpath along Queens Avenue, replacement of footbridge over Barongarook Creek near the Chapel Street bridge.
- Birregurra Hall refurbishment.
- New toilet amenities at Meredith Park.
- Queen Street footpath connecting Elliminyt and Colac.
- Installation of solar array system on the Bluewater Leisure Centre.
- Relocation of 32,000 cubic metres of sand from Port of Apollo Bay and Point Bunbury groyne to empty sand build up.
- Netball courts at Irrewarra resealed.
- New playground, activity space at Rex Norman Park in Gellibrand.
- Colac's War Memorial refurbished.
- Official opening of the fire refuge at Lavers Hill.
- Installation of fish gantry at Apollo Bay.
- Outdoor gym equipment at Birregurra.
- Cororooke toilets completed.

DECEMBER

FRIDAY 14 7.30PM - 10PM

**Colac City Band
– 72nd Carols by Candlelight**
Memorial Square – Murray Street,
Colac

THURSDAY 20 5PM - 7PM

**Friends of Colac Botanic Gardens
– Twilight Christmas Market**
Colac Lake Foreshore, Fyans Street,
Colac

JANUARY

FRIDAY 25 4PM - 9PM

Otway Harvest Festival
Birregurra Park, Main Street,
Birregurra

SATURDAY 26

**Australia Day – official event and
citizenship ceremony**
Apollo Bay foreshore, Apollo Bay

SATURDAY 26

**Pang-Ngooteekeeeya Weeng
Malangeepa-Ngeeye
'Remembering our Future'**
Red Rock Reserve, Alvie

FEBRUARY

FRIDAY 15 - SUNDAY 17

Apollo Bay Seafood Festival
Apollo Bay Harbour, Apollo Bay

FEBRUARY

**SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24
8AM - 4PM**

Otway Odyssey
Otway National Park, Forrest

**SATURDAY 23 12PM - 8PM
AND SUNDAY 24 9.30AM - 2PM**

**Gellibrand River Blues and
Blueberry Festival**
Otway Tourist Park, Main Road,
Gellibrand

REGULAR *Events*

Apollo Bay Community Market
Every Saturday
Apollo Bay Foreshore

Birregurra Sunday Market
2nd Sunday of each month
Birregurra Park, Birregurra

Colac Sunday Market
3rd Sunday of each month
Colac Showgrounds, Colac

Otway Growers and Makers Market
4th Sunday of each month
Echidna House, Kawarren

Apollo Bay Farmers' Market
Third Sunday of each month
Apollo Bay Youth Club

IMMUNISATION CALENDAR

2019

Free immunisation sessions are held
on the first Thursday and third
Monday of every month

1st Thursday 10.30-11.30am

3 January
7 February
7 March
4 April
2 May
6 June
4 July
1 August
5 September
3 October
7 November
5 December

3rd Monday 2.30-4.30pm

21 January
18 February
18 March
15 April
20 May
17 June
15 July
19 August
16 September
21 October
18 November
16 December

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

For enquiries contact:
Council's immunisation unit on
5232 9429.

Sessions are held in COPACC meeting rooms.

Community GRANTS

Colac Otway Shire awarded Community Grants totalling more than \$165,000 to 40 groups across two rounds this year.

Nine shopfronts will receive a facelift thanks to a total of almost \$17,000 in grants through Colac Otway's Building Façade Improvement Program

More than 30 events across Colac Otway shared in just over \$100,000 in Community Events and Support Program Grants.

Just a few of the many recipients...

- Heating-cooling for the Colac Scout Hall
- Goal posts for Alvie
- Upgrade to Red Rock Reserve
- Birregurra Charity Quilters' Handiquilter sewing machine
- New seating and picnic tables at the Colac Showgrounds
- Otways Discovery Centre Exhibition Site
- Gellibrand Welcome Wall
- Apollo Bay Winter Woodcraft
- Irrewillipe Hall upgrade
- Warrion Cricket Club bowling machine
- Apollo Bay Scouts start up
- Apollo Bay Kendo Club equipment
- Yaugher public cycling workstations
- Books for Beginners
- Warrowie Recreation Reserve kitchen upgrade
- Wye River community photo project

Community Events receive a boost

- Apollo Bay & Otway District Show 2019
- Warm Winter Words 2018
- Apollo Bay Edible Garden Trail 2018
- Apollo Bay Seafood Festival Harbour Day 2019
- Wild Otways – Art & Ecology 2018-19
- Otway Food & Fibre Showcase 2019
- Birregurra Festival & Art Show 2018 & Birregurra School Rock Choir
- Birregurra Drama 2018-19
- Pang-ngooteekeeya weeng malangeepa-ngeeye 2019
- Colac Basketball Tournaments 2018-19
- Colac Cake Decorators Specialist Teaching 2018-19
- Colac City Band's 72nd Carols by Candlelight 2018
- Colac Kana Festival 2019
- Colac Orchid Club Annual Show 2018
- Colac Show'n'Shine
- School productions
- Forrest SoupFest
- Twilight Christmas Market
- Hunt for the Golden Gumboot
- Gellibrand River Blues and Blueberry Festival
- Live in the Otways
- Colac Otway Arts Trail
- Great Ocean Road Running Festival
- Otway Harvest Trail Twilight Festa
- Otway Odyssey & Great Otway Gravel Grind
- Otway Trail Run
- Run Forrest Trail Run
- Colac Players performance
- Warrion Flower Show
- WinterWild Apollo Bay



FUTURE PROJECTS

- Apollo Bay Harbour Precinct Redevelopment
- Colac Central Reserve Redeveloped Netball Courts & Lighting Upgrade
- Colac Western Oval Upgrade
- Skenes Creek – Apollo Bay Pedestrian Trail
- Kennett River Infrastructure Upgrade
- Colac Wydinia Kindergarten Playground Upgrade
- Domestic Wastewater Management Compliance Audit Program – audits of all on-site wastewater treatment systems in the shire
- Essential Safety Measure (ESM) Audit program to ensure commercial buildings are compliant with Building Regulations for the safety and health of occupants.

Recycling Champions!

Check out these awesome Colac Otway recycling champions! During Recycling Week, Council put a call out to our community to get creative and get involved in recycling week.

This family of legends Jena, Amie, Jack & Midi (not pictured) are our recycling champions - they sent us their creative recycling ideas from home, work and school! The more we recycle, the more we reduce waste going to landfill, so it's important to know what goes where, and get it right on bin night!



WASTE COLLECTION CALENDAR

WEEK 1

Not sure what week you are?
Visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au
to find your collection schedule

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WEEK 2

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Waste collection services Christmas and New Year



GENERAL WASTE

From Tuesday 25 December to Friday 4 January your general waste collection will be the day after your scheduled collection, e.g. Tuesday 25 December will be collected on Wednesday 26 December.

RECYCLING

Weekly recycling collections start on Wednesday 26 December and will run until Friday 18 January, 2019. Normal fortnightly collections resume on Monday 21 January.

TRANSFER STATIONS

All transfer stations closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day

APOLLO BAY TRANSFER STATION

Open seven days from Wednesday 26 December until Sunday 3 February, 10am to 2pm

ALVIE TRANSFER STATION

Open: Wednesday 26, Thursday 27, Friday 28, and Sunday 30 December, 10am to 3pm

BIRREGURRA TRANSFER STATION

Open: Sunday 23 and 30 December, 10am-4pm.

DROP OFF COLLECTIONS

BEECH FOREST

Saturday 22 December and Saturday January 5, 7.30am to 11.30am

LAVERS HILL

Saturday 22 December and Saturday January 5, midday to 4pm

CARLISLE RIVER

Sunday 23 December and January 6, 7.30am to 11.30am

GELLIBRAND

Sunday 23 December and January 6, midday to 4pm

FIRE DANGER PERIOD

Prepare your home and protect your community

We live in one of the most fire prone places in the world. Fire inspections will be carried out on properties from November 2018. Your property must meet or be working toward the following guidelines to reduce the impact of fire to you and your neighbours.

On rural properties, it is recommended to keep grass cut to less than 10cm within five metres of a property boundary and within ten metres of assets. In some instances a wider break is needed and may be directed by Council.



- In townships keep all your grass cut to LESS than 10cm.
- Remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark. Look for areas where loose materials build up like corners, steps and decks.
- Keep gutters and roof areas clean and clear of leaf litter and other debris.
- Prune tree branches overhanging buildings.
- Use pebbles or rocks in your garden beds (not flammable mulch). Do not have any large shrubs next to or under windows.
- Did you know ember attack is caused by burning debris and is the most common way houses catch fire during bushfire events?
- Keep woodpiles well away from the house.

Store flammable items away from your home and not under your house.



Reducing the fire hazard on your property is only one part of being prepared for a bushfire.

A prepared and practised bushfire survival plan for your whole family is critical.

Information about how to develop a bushfire survival plan for your family can be found on the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-bushfire-plan/

Stay informed with incidents and warnings with the VicEmergency App.



MORNING MUSIC 2019

For more information on the acts performing at Morning Music 2019
visit www.copacc.com.au or call 5232 9418



FRANKLY SINATRA

*a tribute to
Ol' Blue Eyes*
Wednesday
13 March, 11am



CARUSO TO CARRERAS

the Great Tenors
Wednesday 8 May,
11am



WILBUR WILDE: SAXLIFE!

Wednesday 24 July,
11am



SILVIE PALADINO IN THE SONGS OF EVA CASSIDY

Wednesday 4
September, 11am



CHEEK TO CHEEK

*celebrating the song and
dance partnership of Fred
Astaire and Ginger Rogers*
Wednesday
23 October, 11am



CHRISTMAS WITH DENISE

Wednesday 4
December, 11am



Bookings online at
www.copacc.com.au
or call 5232 2077

Apollo Bay Swimming Pool

OPENING HOURS

DECEMBER

Every Friday 3pm - 6pm
Saturday & Sunday 11.00am - 6.00pm

JANUARY

Monday to Sunday 11am - 6pm

FEBRUARY

Saturday & Sunday 11am - 6pm



Bluewater

Bluewater will operate seasonal hours of operation from Monday 24 December 2018 until Tuesday 1 January 2019 (inclusive). Patrons who have 24/7 gym access on their membership will be able to access the gym and virtual classes during all closures. Please check the Bluewater website at www.bluewater.org.au for information on seasonal changes to services offered at Bluewater.