



MESSAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY

Colac Otway Shire Council and the wider community continues to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and I congratulate everyone for their fantastic efforts to keep each other safe and stay positive during these difficult times.

Among the challenges Council faces is continuing to deliver a majority of our 49 services and make decisions for our future, while ensuring we operate under the current restrictions and government advice.

Colac Otway will host its July Ordinary Council Meeting next week, with many important issues to be discussed and decisions to be made.

The meeting will be an open meeting of Council but will be physically closed to the public in accordance with current restrictions.

We are looking forward to be able to have the community attend our meetings again when it is safe to do so.

But for now, I encourage you to watch a livestream of Wednesday's meeting on Council's YouTube channel. You can also listen to the audio recording via Council's website when it's uploaded next week.

Stay up to date with what's happening at Council or across the shire at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or via Council's social media, and please support our local businesses whenever you can,

Peter Brown
Colac Otway Shire Council
Chief Executive



Colac Otway Shire Council Grants 2020-21 - Round 2 Open

Are you a small business, an event organiser or involved in a community organisation?

Applications are open for Round 2 of the 2020/21 Colac Otway Shire Council Grants Program, which offers a funding pool of \$108,000, subject to budget approval, and includes a new Small Business Energy & Water Efficiency Upgrades category.

- Category 1: Community Grants Program
- Category 2: Community Events & Support Program
- Category 2a: Major 'Community Organised' Events
- Category 3: Small Grants Program
- Category 4: Building Façade Improvement Program
- Category 5: Small Business Energy & Water Efficiency Upgrades

The program supports our communities through a financial contribution towards community projects, community and recreation infrastructure improvements, community activities, programs and events to strengthen the region and bring a wide range of social and economic returns across Colac Otway.

All categories require a matching contribution from the applicant on a \$1 for \$1 basis either in cash or cash/in kind, specified in each category's criteria.

Recipients who were successful in Round 1, which featured four categories, are eligible to apply for Round 2 which includes the Small Business Energy & Water Efficiency Upgrades Grants category.

Eligible activities for funding in the additional Category 5 could include:

- Energy efficiency and/or water saving initiatives
- Water related public health initiatives

Use of local suppliers and contractors is encouraged.

A Planning Permit or other permits related to your proposal may be required and the Colac Otway Grants Officer can discuss this with you.

Applications close 31 July, 2020. Visit Council's website or contact the Grants Officer on (03) 5232 9400 for more information.



Ordinary Council Meeting

The July 2020 Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 22 July, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac.

Agenda items include:

- Petition - Climate and Biodiversity Emergency
- Adoption of 2020/21 Budget
- Proposed COVID-19 Business & Community Support Package

The Ordinary Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public (where the technology is available) via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Stay Safe and Restricted Activities Directions issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria that are in place at the time of publication, Council advises only Councillors and Council staff are permitted to attend the Ordinary Council meeting. Strict hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

The current State of Emergency remains until 11.59pm 19 July 2020. If an easing of relevant restrictions occurs at that time and Council is able to physically open the Ordinary Council meeting to the public, further details will be advised via Council's communication channels.

Copies of the agenda will be available today at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Community Consultation: Have Your Say!

Colac Otway Shire Council is proposing to install lights along the Queen Street shared path in Colac and is encouraging local residents to have their say on the value of lighting to improve safety.

Council intends to install lighting in two stages with stage one, between Aireys and Slater streets, to start soon, and the second stage between Slater and Tulloh streets undertaken when funding allows.

Stage one of these works is being funded by the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program with a contribution from Council.

If you are 13 or older, use the path or live in the area, we want to hear from you! We also want you to have your say on:

- Notice of Proposed Local Law No. 4 2020 and Governance Rules
- Public Transparency Policy

Visit the Community Consultation page on Council's website to submit your feedback.



Customer Satisfaction Survey

2020 Colac Otway Shire Council Community Satisfaction Survey

The Community Satisfaction Survey is conducted annually, coordinated by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on behalf of Council, to ask the opinion of locals about living, working and playing in Colac Otway Shire.

The following are where you, Colac Otway Shire residents, rated Council service areas highly:

- Art centres and libraries
- Elderly support services (OPASS)
- Emergency and disaster management

These are the service areas you identified Council can improve:

- Maintenance of sealed local roads
- Building and planning permits
- Maintenance of unsealed roads
- Environment & sustainability

Colac Otway Shire Council thanks all those who were contacted and participated in the survey. To view the complete report of Community Satisfaction Survey Results, visit: www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Which bin this week?

Did you know you can access your 2020-2021 waste calendars online via Council's website?

There are a few ways to check waste collection dates in your neighbourhood:

Online

View or print a copy of the waste calendar from Council's website or check which bin goes out when via the handy 'When Will My Bin Be Collected' website tool. Just type in your address as it appears on your rates notice to bring up the next collection date for each bin type in your neighbourhood.

Hard Copy

Contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 5232 9400 or email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au and we will post a calendar to you. Alternatively, drop in to see us in Colac or Apollo Bay to pick up a copy of the calendar.



We're recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- **Colac Regional Saleyards Superintendent**

For a position description and to apply online, visit Council's website or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9529.

