

Community News



Planning Committee Meeting

Cancellation | 9 September 2020

The Planning Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday 9 September, 2020 has been cancelled. There are no planning matters to be determined by the Committee at this time.



Great Ocean Road Event Closure EOI 2022 - 2024

The Great Ocean Road is known as a world-famous drive and one of Australia's main touring routes; due to this the status, any event organize seeking to secure a road closure to stage an event must demonstrate exceptional event management capabilities. Event organisers are required to deliver the host region significant economic, social and environmental benefits and to leave an appropriate legacy.

Expressions of Interest are currently being sought to deliver an event of state, national or international significance on the closed Great Ocean Road (guidelines allow for up to 2 closures for events per year). Successful applicants will be granted in-principle support for a three year period (2022-2024) subject to the Shire's usual annual review.

Expressions of Interest will close Friday 9 October 2020 at 4pm.

A steering committee consisting of Regional Roads Victoria, Victoria Police, Surf Coast Shire and Colac Otway Shire will assess applications and advise successful applicants with a final decision on 30 October, 2020.

For guidelines and to submit an application online visit https://www.colacotway.vic.gov. au/Recreation-tourism/Festivalsevents/GOR-Guidelines-Review-2022-2024-Expression-of-Interest



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Rates Notices and **Council Assistance**

Rates notices will be landing in mailboxes over the next few weeks. Colac Otway Shire Council understands that everyone is impacted by the COVID19 situation in different ways.

If you are experiencing financial difficulties and are unable to pay a Council payment let us know if you need more time to pay or ask about a payment plan.

Colac Otway is not charging interest on unpaid rates up to 31 December 2020. Learn more at Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or call Council on 5232 9400.





Pool and Spa Registration

To improve the safety of pools and spas, the Victorian regulations changed on 1 December 2019. From this date, property owners whose property features a pool or spa are required to register the pool/spa by 1 November 2020. The original closing date for the registration of existing swimming pools / spas, was 1 June 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state government extended this closing date to 1 November 2020.

The new regulations enacted by the Victorian Government, require land owners to register their swimming pools and spas with their local Council and to arrange for the periodic inspection and certification of the pool / spa safety barriers.

For registration application forms and details of fees and charges please visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au (search pool and spa registration).





Immunisation sessions | September

Council's free monthly immunisation sessions are held on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month.

Thursday 3 September, 10.30am -11.30am at Bluewater Leisure Centre, 118-134 Hearn Street, Colac

Monday 21 September, 2.30pm -4.30pm at COPACC, 95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

Council will also administer immunisations at Trinity College Colac on Tuesday 1 September and Colac Specialist School and Colac Secondary College on Tuesday 8 September for Year 7 and 10 immunisations. Please contact your school for further information.

Social distancing measures will be in place, hand sanitiser will be provided and only one parent/guardian should accompany a child into the session. People should not attend the session if they or their child has symptoms of a respiratory infection (such as fever, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, cough) or have recently returned from overseas.

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

For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website.



LOCAL **GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS**

The Colac Otway Shire Council election is being held this October.

Make sure your enrolment details are up to date by 4pm TODAY Friday 28 August so you can vote.

Visit www.vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment or contact us to enrol in one of the special council enrolment categories.

More information on the council enrolment categories can be found on council's website, search for Local Government Elections.



Colac Otway Shire Council - Governance Local Law No. 4 - 2020

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of section 119(3) of the Local Government Act 1989 that, at its meeting on 26 August 2020, the Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to make the Governance Local Law No. 4 - 2020.

The purpose and general purport of the Governance Local Law No. 4 - 2020 is to:

- 1. regulate the use of the Common Seal;
- 2. provide for offences in the event of inappropriate conduct at Council meetings and meetings of Delegated Committees, and for offences in relation to the misuse of the Common Seal or any petition or joint letter; and
- 3. revoke Local Law No. 4 of 2014.

The Local Law comes into operation the day following which notice of the making of the Local Law is published in the Government Gazette

Copies of the new Local Law No. 4 are available for inspection at the Colac Otway Shire Office, 2 - 6 Rae Street, Colac, or 100 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay.

Copies are also available on Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Colac Otway Shire **COVID Support** Hotline 5232 9440

Colac Otway Shire residents selfisolating or quarantining due to COVID-19 with no access to food, masks and essential supplies can receive emergency relief packages by contacting the COLAC OTWAY COVID SUPPORT HOTLINE. The hotline operates daily (7 days) from 8.30am to 5pm. If you have other support needs, please provide details and we will assist connecting you with the appropriate agencies.





Live Local Shop Local

Colac Otway community, local businesses need you! Shop local and support our great traders, businesses and tradies who have supported Colac Otway during COVID-19. We're all in this together!

If you own or operate a business in Colac Otway, we encourage you to add vour details to Council's free online community and business directory on Council's website.



