



**Citizen of the Year,**  
Shane Vicary



**Young Person of the Year,**  
Bonni McLaren



**Community Service Award,**  
Harold Cockereil



**Sporting Service Award,**  
Harry Salmon



**Arts Service Award,**  
The Colac Makers' Space



## Community Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Council would like to congratulate all recipients of this year's Colac Otway Community Awards and welcome all those who became Australian citizens at the citizenship ceremony on Tuesday 26 January.

We thank award winners for their contribution to our community - it's people, such as these who make Colac Otway a great place to live.

Welcome to our new Australian citizens:

Suzie Quonyin, Faiza Jabeen, Manas Moholkar and Frederick Bierrings.

Welcome also to Roya Aslani, Enas El Shalkany, Buom Mut and Liaquat Yousufi who became Australian citizens in 2020.

We congratulate you all and hope you have a happy and successful future as citizens of Australia.



## January Council Meeting

### Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program Round 2 - Priority Projects List

Council voted at this week's meeting on a priority project list which details eight projects across the shire which will be fully funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program thanks to a \$1.7-million Federal Government grant.

- Bass Crescent, Great Ocean Road, stormwater outlet upgrade Skenes Creek \$500,000
- Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 1 Apollo Bay \$300,000
- Great Ocean Road Footpath, Stage 2 Apollo Bay \$150,000
- Rail Interface Upgrade Birregurra \$175,000
- Barongarook Creek Shared Path Colac \$390,000
- Old Beechy Rail Trail upgrade Gellibrand to Beech Forest \$58,000
- Warrion Hall upgrade Warrion \$70,000
- Clark Street Footpath Colac \$60,000.

The list will be submitted to the Federal Government in Round 2 of the LRCI Program, with projects to start as soon as possible and completed by the end of December 2021.



## We're Recruiting - Community Care Worker Permanent Part-Time (minimum 15 hours per week)

Council's Older Persons and Ability Support Service requires additional staff to meet growing service delivery needs, providing in-home and community-based support for personal care, respite support and domestic duties. This service is an integral part of Colac's highly-regarded health and community services sector with good opportunities for a rewarding career path in the Aged and Disability Services field.

Your responsibilities will include supporting older people and people with a disability with personal care, domestic tasks, attending appointments, participating in social activities and maintaining community connections. This position has a strong focus on identifying personal strengths and building capacity to support independence, wellbeing and community inclusion.

We can offer you a job where you can make a real difference and meaningful contribution to people's lives. You will be appreciated and work with people who value you. Positions are offered at permanent part time, according to roster requirements. In addition to the hourly rate you will be reimbursed for client related travel kilometres.

A Position Description is available on Council's website or by contacting Human Resources on 5232 9529. Applications close at 4pm, Thursday 11 February 2021.



## Kennett River Tourism Infrastructure Improvements - Planning and Design Services

### Contract No. 2105

Council invites submissions from suitable tenderers for planning and detailed design consultancy services for Kennett River tourism infrastructure improvements, specifically for the planning and design for road and carpark improvements. Tenderers are to hold relevant and current VicRoads pre-qualification.

A copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at:

[www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 3 March 2021. Submissions must be lodged via the electronic tender box. Late, emailed or posted tenders will not be considered.



## Upcoming Drainage and Road Works - Old Yeo Road, Yeo

Council advise there will be changed traffic conditions in place while the following works are completed:

**Location:** 1500m of Old Yeo Rd, Yeo (1000m section and a 500m section)

**Works:** Drainage works and full-width road construction

**Duration:** Monday 1 February to Wednesday 31 March 2021

Delays are expected and some road closures may occur while work is undertaken (local traffic access will be maintained). Residents affected by driveway culvert renewal works will be notified directly and property access times arranged. Council thanks you for your cooperation while these important works are undertaken. For more information about planned works, please contact Council's Manager of Services and Operations on 5232 9400.



## Rates Payment

A friendly reminder - if you have elected to pay your rates by lump sum, full payment is due on 15 February. Alternatively, the third quarterly instalment payment is due by 28 February. As a result of the COVID-19 situation, Council has reviewed its normal procedures regarding rates collection. Ratepayers who are unable to make payments will not be charged interest until end of June 2021 and will not be referred to debt collection. However, to avoid the debt collection process, ratepayers must contact Council to discuss any outstanding rates, payment options and alternative arrangements. If you require assistance, please phone Council's Customer Service Centre on 03 5232 9400.