



## Colac Otway Community Award Recipients headed for Kana Festival Main Stage

**The winners of the Colac Otway Community Awards will be unveiled on the main stage of the Colac Kana Festival at 11am tomorrow, Saturday 19 March.**

"I really hope everyone comes to the community awards for a truly inclusive community event and to celebrate our fantastic award winners," said Colac Otway Council Mayor, Cr Kate Hanson. "We had 19 excellent nominations showing the high level of volunteers we have in the shire."

There are three categories this year: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Service Award

(Group/Individual).

"It's so important to celebrate community achievements and we live in a region where community spirit is not in short supply," said Mayor Hanson. "Think about the people in your life who make a difference to the community and remember to nominate them for next year's awards."

The Colac Kana Festival has run for more than 60 years under the Elms of the Memorial Square and this year includes the theme 'Heroes and Villains'.

"Come and see our heroes as part of the awards and make a day of it supporting local

businesses and community groups who also deserve a pat on the back for the work they have done, particularly in the last few years," said Mayor Hanson.

**Presentation of the 2022 Colac Otway Community Awards**

**When: Saturday 19 March, award presentation at 11am**

**Where: Colac Kana Festival stage in Memorial Square**

Colac Otway Shire Council thanks the organisers of the Colac Kana Festival for including the awards in their program and look forward to celebrating at the festival.



## Council meeting

The March Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 23 March 2022

**Time:** 4pm

**Venue:** COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

**Agenda items include:**

- Planning Scheme Amendment C120cola - Irrewillipe Road, Elliminyt Rezoning
- Contract 2209 - Boat Ramp Facilities Improvement Project

In response to current COVID-19 requirements all attendees over the age of 12 must be fully vaccinated and show their vaccination status as a condition of entry to COPACC. Patrons will be required to enter COPACC via the main entrance (all abilities access from Gellibrand Street), where they will need to register and show proof of vaccination.

The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com))

Copies of the agenda will be available today, Friday 18 March at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)



## Have Your Say

### Draft 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy

Council has adopted the current rating categories and differentials for inclusion in its draft 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy, which is exhibited to allow the community to provide feedback

Submissions regarding the Draft 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 25 March 2022.

### Revised Community Engagement Policy

At the Council meeting on 23 February 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the revised Community Engagement policy for the purpose of public consultation.

Submissions regarding the revised Community Engagement Policy must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 8 April 2022.

All items currently open for community feedback are available online at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

Hard copies are also available for viewing at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.



## Rates Reminder

**Reminder notices are being sent out to Colac Otway ratepayers who elected to pay by the lump sum payment option and may have missed their payment (due 15 February 2022). If you selected this option, please make sure payment is made by 1 April 2022.**

Please note, notices were also sent to arrangement option ratepayers to advise their balance, which is required to be paid by 31 May 2022. Please check your current payment level will pay the full amount by 31 May.

Council understands businesses and households are potentially experiencing unprecedented challenges at present. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, we urge you to call our Rates Department Team on 5232 9400 to discuss a payment plan.



## Notice of an Application for Planning Permit

**The land affected by the application is located at:**

185 Telegraph Road MURROON, 265 Telegraph Road MURROON

**The application is for a permit to:**

Use of Land for Place of Assembly (Music Festival), Temporary Camping, Associated Works, Ancillary Amenities and Structures and Temporary Access to Transport Zone 2 (TRZ2)

**The applicant for the permit is:** Ash Sounds Pty Ltd

**The application reference number is:** PP389/2021-1

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority during office hours at Colac Otway Shire Council's customer service centres in Colac (2-6 Rae Street) and 100 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay; or at <http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au>

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected. The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

**The responsible authority will not decide on the application before 28 March 2022.**

If you object the responsible authority will tell you its decision.



## 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!

**Bluewater Leisure Centre have the following vacancies:**

- Customer Relations Assistant - Permanent Part Time
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- Lifeguard - Permanent Part Time
- Lifeguard - Casual
- Gym Instructor - Casual
- Duty Manager - Casual
- Swim School Team Leader - Temporary Full Time

**COPACC has the following vacancy:**

- Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre (COPACC) Operations Coordinator

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