



Colac Botanic Gardens

There are so many beautiful places to visit in Colac Otway, one being our Colac Botanic Gardens.

Thanks to Council's dedicated Parks and Gardens team for the work they do to keep the gardens looking incredible and a great place for locals and visitors to enjoy spending time.



Community Awards - Nominations Now Open

Entries are now open for the 2023 Colac Otway Shire Community Awards with residents encouraged to nominate local people or groups who do great things for our community.

On the Community Awards, Mayor Chris Potter said, "There are many individuals and groups who make a positive difference to the lives of others in our community, this might be through small, everyday gestures or on a larger scale, and the Community Awards are our chance to recognise them and say thank you."

Who do you know in our Colac Otway community who deserves recognition for their contribution to our shire?

There are three categories for nominations: Community Service Award (individual or group), Young Citizen of the Year Award and Citizen of the Year Award.

For more information, including Award Selection Criteria and entry forms, visit Council's website and search 'Community Awards'.

Pictured are just a few of our deserving past award recipients (top row- left to right: 2018 Young Citizen of the Year - Tapanga Barnhart, 2022 Citizen of the Year - Ivan McCallum, 2022 Community Service Award - Leanne Callahan. Bottom row - left to right: 2022 Young Citizen of the Year Award - Sohail Ali, 2021 Citizen of the Year - Shane Vicary, 2018 Citizen of the Year - Jenny Todorovic).



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Additional Recycling Services

Council is offering **WEEKLY** yellow bin collections (for hard plastics, aluminium/steel and paper cardboard recycling) through to the end of January.

- Extra yellow bin collections for Week 2 areas run through to week beginning 16 January.
- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 1 areas run through to week beginning 23 January.

To find out your collection days search "When Will My Bin Be Collected" on Council's website or download the GoodSort App - www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Free Glass Disposal

Council is offering **FREE** glass disposal at our Transfer Stations in Apollo Bay, Alvie, Birregurra, and at our Drop-Off Facilities at Beech Forest, Carlisle River, Gellibrand and Lavers Hill through to the end of January.



Colac Otway Shire Council Countback

The election of Joe McCracken to the Victorian Parliament in December 2022 created an extraordinary vacancy within Colac Otway Shire Council.

The extraordinary vacancy will be filled through a countback conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC).

The countback will be streamed online through Microsoft Teams at 12 midday on Wednesday 18 January 2023.

A link will be available on the VEC's website on 11.30am on the morning of the countback. For more information, please visit www.vec.vic.gov.au



Donations to Local Laws for the Pound

We are so grateful to our amazing Colac Otway community for your donations to our Local Laws Unit to keep animals at the pound warm and cosy.

- A friendly note that we can only accept blankets (woollen, faux fur or fleece please).
- Unfortunately we can't accept doonas, pillows, cushions, pet beds or toys.
- If you have blankets that you'd like to donate, please give our Local Laws team a call on 5232 9400 to arrange drop-off. **Thank you Colac Otway!**



We're recruiting

If you're interested in working alongside your community, engaging in local projects and helping to make Colac Otway the great place it is to live, work and visit, work with us!

We're currently seeking applications for:

- **Coordinator Information Technology**

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



Community Satisfaction Survey

Colac Otway Shire Council would like to inform residents that from 30 January through to mid-March, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

National Field Services has been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils.

The survey has been designed to assess the performance of the Colac Otway Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback. Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with Colac Otway Shire Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Council's Customer Service Centre on 5232 9400.



Council's Online Services

Connect with Council from wherever you are - there's a range of ways to contact us or conduct your Council business online through our website.

For example you can:

- Sign up to receive your rates notices electronically.
- Submit a request, report a concern or provide your feedback.
- Make a complaint, or give a compliment.
- Update your contact details.

