

Colac Otway welcomes new citizens

At a Citizenship Ceremony on Thursday 26 January, we welcomed ten new Australian citizens.

Congratulations to all! It was a lovely ceremony with many family and friends of the conferees celebrating this important and special occasion.

Pictured here with Mayor Chris Potter, Cr Tosh Finnigan and Cr Marg White is Simon who became an Australian citizen at the ceremony.



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!

- **Bluewater Gym Instructor**
- **Bluewater Swim School Instructor**
- **Community Care Worker**
- **Financial Accountant**
- **Senior Project Manager**
- **Senior Workplace Health and Safety Business Partner**

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9529.

A - Z of Council Services

We're continuing our A to Z of Council Services with D - E and F. Local Councils provide a wide range of services from waste collection, to road maintenance, tree planting - and many things in between. Over the next few weeks, we'll run through Council services for each letter of the alphabet, some you may be familiar with, and some you may be interested to learn about.



D - Disability Support Services

Today we highlight the work of our wonderful Disability Support and OPASS staff. Our team strongly advocate for people living in their own homes and community with programs offering a range of practical home and community based services for older people, persons with a range of abilities, their carers and significant support persons.



E - Emergency Management

Council has a range of responsibilities when we're faced with an emergency in the region. We liaise with state agencies such as Victoria Police, CFA, Ambulance Victoria and the SES to work together in emergency events for the safety of our community.

While emergency response is led by agencies, Council has a variety of responsibilities such as operating relief and recovery centres during and after an emergency, arranging emergency shelter for displaced people and animals, clean-up activities and fire prevention works.



F - Family Day Care

Council's Family Day Care Service offers quality childcare based on a home environment. Family Day Care is a great choice for your children, the small group environment gives foundation of learning toward kindergarten and school.

Council is currently seeking Family Day Care Educators to provide Family Day Care throughout the Shire.

For more information, please see the Classifieds section of today's newspaper.



Cororooke Broilga Festival and Mural Unveiling

A great day was had by all at the Cororooke Broilga Festival on Saturday!

The Mayor had the honour of unveiling the magnificent mural painted by artist Ross Trebilcock on 'The Shop'. The mural provides an insight to the history of the region and of course the stunning broilgas. Having this history depicted in the mural for locals and visitors to enjoy for years to come is something really special and Council is very proud to have supported the project through our Community Grants program.

Pictured here is John Clarke, Ross Trebilcock, Lori Davis, Mayor Chris Potter and Richard Riordan MP.

Community Awards - Nominations Closing Soon!

There are only a couple of days left to submit a nomination to this year's Colac Otway Community Awards. Nominations close Sunday 5 February at 5pm.

Who do you know in our shire that you'd like to recognise for the positive difference they make in the lives of others?

You can submit a nomination online - it won't take long, and you might just make someone's day. Categories are: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and the Community Service Award (individual or group).

Visit Council's website and click the Community Awards link from the homepage.

Pictured are the 2022 Community Award Recipients: Community Service Award - Leanne Callahan, Citizen of the Year - Ivan McCallum and Young Citizen of the Year Sohail Ali.



Notice of an Application for Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at:
83 McLachlan Street APOLLO BAY

The application is for a permit to: Removal of Building Envelope

The applicant for the permit is: A H & L J Jeavons Land Surveyors - SWSG

The application reference number is: PP369/2022-1

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 17 February 2023.

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

Annual Resealing Program

Council will commence its annual program of road resealing works from Monday 6 February with the program expected to be completed over the next 4 - 5 weeks. The resealing of roads is a critical element to maintaining Council's road network.

A list of roads where works will take place can be found under 'Works and Projects' on Council's website. Minor delays may be experienced, road users are advised to take care and observe any traffic control measures in place.

Reminder, 2022 - 2023 Rates Payments Due

Please note, ratepayers who elected to pay their 2022 - 2023 Council rates by the lump sum method are reminded the full amount is due to be paid by 15 February 2023.

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2022 - 2023 rates by the quarterly instalment option are reminded the 3rd quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 28 February 2023 - notices for this instalment are being sent out.

Ratepayers who have not activated the quarterly instalment option, but would like to pay by this option (to allow extra time to pay), are asked to contact Council's Revenue Department by calling 5232 9400.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should also contact Council's Revenue Department to discuss payment arrangements.