



## Ordinary Council meeting

The August 2020 Council meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday 26 August, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street, Colac.**

### Agenda items include:

- Apollo Bay Harbour Draft Development Plan
- Former Colac High School Site Acquisition
- Transition of Section 86 Committees to Community Asset Committees

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

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Stay Safe and Restricted Activities Directions issued by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria that are in place at the time of publication, Council advises only Councillors and Council staff are permitted to attend the Ordinary Council meeting. Strict hygiene and social distancing measures will be in place.

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



## Local Government Candidate Training

This year, for the first time, local government candidates are required to complete mandatory training to be eligible to nominate. This includes all serving or former councillors intending to nominate.

The training covers vital information you need to know about being a councillor, including understanding a conflict of interest, a code of conduct, and what support is available to help you do the role.

The online course will take around an hour to complete and ensure candidates fully understand the role of councillor and its requirements.

The course can be found at <https://www.localgovernment.vic.gov.au/council-governance/candidate-training>

If you are unable to access or need assistance to access the online training material, please contact Colac Otway Shire Council on 5232 9400 or email [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au)



## COVID-19 Business and Community Support Package

Colac Otway Shire Council is supporting our local business and community affected by COVID-19 with a \$950,000 economic stimulus package.

One of the grants available to local business is the **COVID-19 Business Diversification Grant**.

This program provides support for businesses that have had to significantly change the way their business operates as a result of the pandemic.

The program will assist businesses that have had to significantly change/pivot their business following the commencement of the COVID-19 pandemic. This may be through new equipment purchases; business fit-outs or upgrades; provide staff training or education; or upgrade their digital presence by creating new websites or booking systems. Recipients are encouraged to spend most of the grant at local businesses/using local services.

Grants are available up to a maximum of \$3,000 and require a matching dollar to dollar cash contribution.

The program guidelines provide details of the funding, eligibility, types of activities which may be funded, how to apply, assessment criteria and funding conditions.

For more information on this and other support available, visit Council's website or phone the Grants Officer on 5232 9400.

Applications close Friday 4 September.



## What's Online at Colac Otway Shire Council?

Expressions of Interest are currently being sought to deliver an event of state, national and international significance on the closed Great Ocean Road. 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.

**Have your say** on a number of local topics in Colac Otway Shire which are currently open for community consultation:

- Hard Waste Survey (closes **today**)
- Draft policy, Administration of Building Enforcement Legislation

If any of these matters are of interest to you, find out more and provide your feedback at Council's website.



## Colac Otway Shire COVID Support Hotline 5232 9440

Colac Otway Shire residents self-isolating 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 on 5232 9440. 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.



## Pick up after your pooch!

Walking the dog is great daily exercise and there are so many areas within Colac Otway Shire for both dogs and humans to enjoy a stroll. To ensure the safety of all (pets and humans), please ensure you have control of your dog on a lead - and don't spoil someone else's walk by not cleaning up after your pooch.

For everyone's safety, and our enjoyment of the outdoors, let's look out for one another - thank you!



## Stay Home, Stay Connected

How are you going to spend your Friday or Saturday night? Weekends look a bit different to the way we'd like, but make sure you still catch up with friends or family.

What about you set up a virtual dinner or drinks on Zoom, Facetime your mates and watch the footy together?

Now more than ever, we need to do everything we can to work together, stay connected and be compassionate and kind. It's important to know what services and support are available and ask for help if you need it - or feel fantastic by being able to help someone else!

To help you receive or give support, we've compiled a list of community networks, charities and groups that are doing amazing work in our community and beyond. Visit Council's website and search for Stay Home Stay Connected.

If you belong to a Colac Otway community network, charity or group and you'd like your information considered for the Stay Home Stay Connected page, please contact [pr@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:pr@colacotway.vic.gov.au)



## Australia Day Award Nominations

2021 Colac Otway Shire Australia Day Award nominations are now open.

Council is calling for nominations in five categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Service of the Year
- Sporting Service of the Year
- Arts Service of the Year

Nomination forms and guidelines are now available, please contact Customer Assist on 5232 9400 or visit Council's website.

Nominations close 2 October, 2020.



## HELLO BMX-ERS OF COLAC OTWAY!

We know BMX and bike riders are a bit bored while Stay At Home Restrictions are in place and making your own bike jumps might seem like a good idea, but please create your tracks and jumps in your own backyard and not on Council land or roadsides. This is for your safety and the safety of the whole community - thank you!

