

Have Your Say

Final Day! Today is the final day to make a submission and provide feedback on the **Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Draft Climate Change Action Plan**. Submissions close at 5pm today, Friday 7 July 2023.

- **Events Policy Review** (submissions close 5pm Friday 14 July 2023)
- **Proposal to Make Colac Otway Shire - Local Law No.1 - General Local Law 2023** (submissions close 5pm Thursday 10 August 2023)

Submissions

- Online:** Visit Council's website and click 'Have Your Say' from the homepage.
- Post:** Written submissions should be addressed to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.
- Email:** Submissions may also be submitted by email to ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au with the subject line of the project or initiative you're providing feedback on.

Beeac Park and Playspace now open

It's playtime at Beeac! The town's upgraded park and playspace are now open to the community.

The park and playspace upgrades were designed in close collaboration with the Beeac and district community, and match the existing heritage setting of the park.

The project was funded through an Australian Government investment of \$220,000 via its Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program (LRCI). Let's play!



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, work with us!

For current employment opportunities visit Council's website.

We're currently recruiting:

- **Bluewater Operations Team Leader**
- **COPACC Front of House**
- **Infrastructure Engineer**
- **Senior Infrastructure Engineer**
- **Administrator Port of Apollo Bay**
- **Asset Systems Officer**
- **Saleyards Operations Coordinator**

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

Council, Planning Committee and Submissions Committee meetings - 2023

All Council and Planning Committee meetings will be held at the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC), 95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac and livestreamed, unless otherwise advertised.

At the November 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to take all reasonable steps to hold at least one meeting every six months at a suitable location in Apollo Bay in 2023.

Council also resolved to approve the scheduling of a Council meeting on Wednesday 8 November 2023 for the sole purpose of the term and election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and determines that public question time will be restricted to questions relevant to the purpose of the meeting.

July 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 12 July (cancelled, no planning matters to be heard at this time)	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 26 July	4pm
August 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday 2 August	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 9 August	4pm
	Submissions Committee	Wednesday 16 August	3pm
	Council	Wednesday 23 August	4pm
September 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 6 September	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 13 September	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 27 September	4pm
October 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday 4 October	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 11 October	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 25 October	4pm
November 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 1 November	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 22 November	4pm
December 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 6 December	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 13 December	4pm

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposal to Make Colac Otway Shire - Local Law No.1 - General Local Law 2023

Notice is given that the Colac Otway Shire Council (Council) intends to revoke the following existing local laws:

- Local Law No 1 - Consumption of Alcohol in a Public Place commenced on 28 August 2013
- Local Law No 2 - General Local Law commenced on 24 September 2013
- Local Law No 3 - Livestock commenced on 28 August 2013

The Local Laws are specific and are related to activities associated with their title. It is proposed to integrate the three local laws into a single point of reference designed to improve the amenity of the municipality and setting clear expectations of acceptable behaviours for the community and visitors as well as for the officers who enforce the rules. Pursuant to section 73 of the *Local Government Act 2020*, Council proposes to make one local law titled '**Colac Otway Shire - Local Law No.1 - General Local Law 2023**' (proposed Local Law), which will replace the three local laws referred to above.

The Community Impact Statement and other incorporated documents have been developed as explanatory documents to seek to improve consistency, clarity and transparency for those affected by the Local Laws.

If made, the objectives and intended effect of the proposed Local Law are to:

- (1) Provide for the peace, order and good government of the *municipal district*.
- (2) Promote a physical and social environment free from hazards to health and assets, in which the residents of the *municipal district* can enjoy a quality of life that meets the general expectations of the community.
- (3) Provide for the management of domestic and farm *animals* in a manner that promotes welfare and reduces nuisance, harm or environmental damage to residents and property.
- (4) Provide for the appropriate management of *Council* buildings and *reserves*.
- (5) Prevent and suppress nuisances which may adversely affect the enjoyment of life within the *municipal district* or the health, safety and welfare of *persons* and *animals* within the *municipal district*, by:
 - i) regulating and controlling activities which may be dangerous, unsafe or cause detrimental impact on quality of life or the environment within the *municipal district*;
 - ii) providing standards and conditions for specified activities in order to reduce risk and increase safety.
- (6) Revoke the existing local laws numbered 1 to 3.

A copy of the proposed Local Law, incorporated documents and Community Impact Statement may be inspected or obtained from Colac Otway Shire Council Offices at 2-6 Rae Street, Colac and GORVIC, 100 Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay and may also be accessed on Council's website, www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Any person may make a written submission on the proposed Local Law to Council.

All written submissions received by Council before 5pm on Thursday 10 August 2023 will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act*.

Any written submissions received after the exhibition period will be presented to the Submissions Committee meeting, where they are received before 9am on 16 August 2023.

Submissions

Online: Visit Council's website and click 'Have Your Say' from the homepage.

Email: Submissions may also be submitted by email to ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au with 'Local Law 2023' as the subject line.

Post: Written submissions should be marked 'Local Law 2023' and addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Please state in your written submission if you wish to be heard at the Submissions Committee meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday 16 August 2023 at 3pm.

Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests to the contrary, copies of submissions (including the submitter's name) may also be included in the Council meeting agenda, which are a permanent public record, and published on Council's website for an indefinite period.

Anne Howard
Chief Executive Officer