



## Planning Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Colac Otway Shire Council Planning Committee is scheduled for:

**Date:** Wednesday 13 September 2023

**Time:** 4pm

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

Planning Committee meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Only those who lodged a submission and requested to speak to their submission can address the meeting.

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 8 September 2023 at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)



## 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.

- **Bluewater Customer Relations Assistant**
- **COPACC Technical Officer**
- **Financial Accountant**
- **Emergency Management Officer - Fire Awareness**
- **Administrative Relief Staff**
- **Coordinator Older Persons and Ability Support Services**

For a position description and to apply online, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or contact People and Culture on 5232 9529.



## Have Your Say Survey to assist future planning for childcare services

**Council is calling on families with young children to complete a survey to help with future planning and advocacy for childcare services.**

The survey will assist Council to better understand what the local level of demand for childcare is.



## Recreation Survey

Council is seeking input from local sport and recreation groups for the Colac Otway Sport and Recreation Survey to gather information to plan for the needs of local sporting groups.

**Survey closes today Friday, 8 September 2023.**

To complete the surveys, visit Council's Have Your Say page at, click the link on the homepage.



## Best Value Review of Council's Aged and Disability Services

**At its meeting on Wednesday 3 May 2023, Council resolved to undertake a Best Value Review of Council's aged and disability services in response to the Commonwealth Government changes to aged care.**

Colac Otway Shire Council has appointed Lake Advisory consultants to undertake an independent review.

The review will report on Council's provision of services to assist older people, those recovering from acute care and people with disabilities to continue to live independently in the community.

These services include those funded through the Commonwealth Home Support Programme (CHSP), the State Government's Home and Community Care Program for Younger People (HACC PYP) and Home Care Packages.

During the review, there will be no disruption to clients, families or staff of Council's aged and disability services, with all programs and services to operate as usual.

As part of Council's community engagement, all clients and their families, staff and community members are invited to complete a survey and/or make a submission regarding the current and future aged and disability services, and the barriers to living independently in the Colac Otway Shire municipality.

### To make a submission:

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

**In Person:** Collect a copy of the survey from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac (2-6 Rae Street) or Apollo Bay (GORVIC, 100 Great Ocean Road).

**Post:** Complete the survey and mail to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250 (to be received by 4 October).

**Email:** Send your submission to [ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au) with Aged and Disability and Services Review in the subject line.

Survey responses (and any other submissions) to the aged and disability services review are open until 5pm Wednesday 4 October 2023.

There will also be the opportunity to participate in a structured focus group during October. Please register your interest via the online survey, in-person, via post or email or call Council on 5232 9400.

Information sessions will also be conducted at sites across the shire. Times, dates and venues will be advertised shortly.

Survey responses will help inform the aged and disability services review. A review report, including all feedback collected during the consultation period, will be presented at a Council meeting late in 2023. The review will enable Council to make a decision on Council's future role and provision of aged and disability services in the Colac Otway Shire.

For detailed information on the Best Value Review including Frequently Asked Questions, click Aged and Disability Services Review from Council's website homepage.



## Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) Community Reference Group - Expression of Interest

**Council is planning for Colac's population growth over the next few decades and will develop a structure plan to guide future land use, development and infrastructure within the Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) area at the western edge of Colac/Elliminyt.**

Council invites you to apply to be part of the Community Reference Group (CRG) to help shape the plan. We welcome your contribution to this important project.

The Community Reference Group will be made up of around 26 adult members of the community whose primary place of residence is Colac and represent various age groups. The group will also include representation from the Aboriginal community to provide Indigenous perspectives.

Landowners within the Deans Creek PSP area cannot form part of the Community Reference Group to avoid conflicts of interest.

Please visit Council's website to find out how to express interest in joining the CRG, and to find out more about the project and group. You can scan the code with your phone for a direct link to the website and application form.

Applications close Sunday 1 October 2023. Alternatively, please call Council on 5232 9400 and mention the Deans Creek PSP project or visit Council's Customer Service Centre at 2-6 Rae Street, Colac.



## Taking Your Business Online - Workshop

Come along to a free workshop at COPACC to help you operate your business in a digital world, to understand technologies, markets and risk.

**Topic:** Taking Your Business Online

**Date:** Tuesday, September 12

**Workshop time:** 6pm - 9pm

**Location:** Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre  
- 95-97 Gellibrand Street Colac Vic 3250

To register, visit Council's website and click Upcoming Events from the homepage.



## COPACC Civic Hall Floor Replacement Works

### Contract 2308/2406

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced Registered Builders to complete works involving the renewal of Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC) Civic Hall Performance and Arts space through strengthening the floor to increase the maximum loading capacity.

A copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 11 October 2023. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

**Anne Howard**  
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