



Council meeting

The October Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 25 October 2023

Time: 4pm

Venue: Apollo Bay Bowls Club, 6 Moore Street - Apollo Bay

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 20 October 2023 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Best Value Review of Council's Aged and Disability Services - Information Sessions

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 that will be implemented from 1 July 2025.

As part of Council's community engagement commitment, clients, their families, staff and community members were invited to complete a survey to provide their views and thoughts on the changes. They have also been invited to make a submission if they chose to, regarding the provision of current and future aged and disability services, and the barriers to living independently in the Colac Otway Shire municipality.

This survey has now closed, and we thank everyone who contributed.

We would like to offer further opportunities for community members to meet with Colac Otway Shire Council staff to discuss and learn more about the Commonwealth Government's aged care reforms and ask any questions about Council's Best Value Review. Drop-in information sessions will be held in Apollo Bay and Colac for interested community members to find out more.

Colac Drop-in Information Session

Date: Tuesday 24 October

Venue: Colac Otway Performing Arts and Culture Centre (COPACC)
95-97 Gellibrand St, Colac, 3250

Time: 10am - 12pm

Apollo Bay Drop-in Information Session

Date: Thursday 26 October

Venue: Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre
100 Great Ocean Rd, Apollo Bay VIC 3233

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

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

If you have any questions, please contact Council on 5232 9400 or email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au



Have Your Say

Council has the following projects and initiatives open for community feedback:

- Survey to assist future planning for childcare services
- Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) Community Reference Group - EO1 (closes Sunday 15 October)
- Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan

For further information and to provide your feedback, visit Council's website and click Have Your Say from the homepage.



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! We currently have the following positions open for application:

- Community Care Worker
- Local Laws Ranger

For all current employment opportunities, position descriptions and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact People and Culture on 5232 9529.



Expression of Interest Audit and Risk Committee

Independent Member

A vacancy exists for an independent member of the Audit and Risk Committee of the Colac Otway Shire Council.

The Audit and Risk Committee operates under a Council adopted Charter and is an Advisory Committee to Council. The primary objective of the Committee is to assist Council in the effective conduct of its responsibilities in financial reporting, internal control, risk management, business continuity, internal and external audit, organisation compliance and fraud and corruption.

Membership of the Committee includes two Councillors and three independent members. The initial term for independent members is three years.

Council welcomes Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified individuals with a professional financial, risk management, audit or local government management background. An information package including a copy of the Audit and Risk Committee Charter can be obtained by contacting Natasha Skurka on (03) 5232 9557.

Enquiries may be directed to Andrew Tenni on (03) 5232 9400 during the week commencing 16 October 2023.

Expressions of Interest should be lodged by 5pm on Monday 30 October 2023 and addressed to:

Andrew Tenni

General Manager Corporate Services

Colac Otway Shire

PO Box 283, Colac Vic 3260

or email: Andrew.Tenni@colacotway.vic.gov.au



Official Opening of Forrest Mountain Bike Revitalisation Project

Last week, the Mayor, Councillors and staff were delighted to join DEECA Barwon South West, Forrest Mountain Bike & Cycling Club, Barwon Water, Parks Victoria, Eastern Maar Aboriginal Corporation and members of the local Forrest community to celebrate the official opening of the Forrest Mountain Bike Revitalisation Project (Stage One).

The trails are fantastic and this project is a great example of what can be achieved when agency partners, community and local government work together.

For more info visit <https://rideforreest.com.au/>

This project was made possible by a \$2.1 million investment by the Victorian Government, Council is extremely proud to support development of the Forrest Mountain Bike Trail with a contribution of \$250,000.



Extra Green Waste Collections and Free Drop-off

To help you clean up your property and prepare for fire season, Colac Otway Shire Council is offering additional green waste collections and free green waste drop-off across October and November.

For further information on preparing your property for fire season, please see the notice on page 9.



Children's Week

Children's Week celebrations are taking place again, join us at the CFA training track along the foreshore of Lake Colac and Colac's Botanic Gardens for plenty of fun and entertainment aimed at children of all ages and their families.

Come and see Captain Adam for singing and dancing, cuddle a Roaming Reptile, participate in an array of free art and craft activities, sit and listen to a story, play some games and say 'hi' to our local waste truck driver and see the waste truck in action. You'll also see our local emergency services and vehicles.

Fun for all ages and a free event!



Celebrate Children's Week 2023

Where: CFA training ground - bottom of Colac Botanic Gardens
When: Thursday 26 October from 10am - 1pm



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