



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 today, Friday 20 October 2023 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Planning Committee meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 1 November 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 Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Copies of the meeting agenda will be available on Council's website from Friday 27 October 2023..



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!

• 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.



Have Your Say

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

- **Survey to assist future planning for childcare services**
- **Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan (closes today Friday 20 October)**
- **Survey for young people aged 12 - 25 to provide feedback on youth matters, engagement and activities**

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



Children's Week

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

When: Thursday 26 October, 10am - 1pm

Where: CFA Training Ground - in the Colac Botanic Gardens

Come and see Captain Adam for some 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



Walk to Kinder - October 2023

On Tuesday, Council's Local Laws team visited the four-year old Kindergarten students at Milville Children's Centre to help them learn about crossing the road safely at school crossings in preparation for heading to school next year. Pictured is Mayor Chris Potter giving Milville students a high-five after completing the safety exercise.



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 during October and November.

Weekly Kerbside Green Waste Collection

Now is the time to start preparing your property ahead of fire season. To assist residents, a weekly kerbside collection of green waste has commenced and will continue through to the week ending 24 November. For collection information, visit Council's website or download the Good Sort App.

Free Green Waste Drop-off at Alvie and Apollo Bay Transfer Stations

A free green waste drop-off service is being offered through all of November. The free service is available for residents to dispose of one 6 x 4 trailer load of green waste.

Skips for Green Waste at Wye River, Kennett River and Forrest

Wye River and Kennett River communities will see green waste skips placed in town once again from Friday 3 November to Monday 27 November 2023 to assist with property clean up. The skip for green waste will be in place at Forrest from 1 to 11 December.

- **1A The Boulevard, Wye River (opposite the CFA shed)**

- **15A Great Ocean Road, Kennett River (carpark area)**

- **47 Grant Street, Forrest**



Best Value Review of Council's Aged and Disability Service - 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: COPACC, 95-97 Gellibrand Street

Time: 10am - 12pm

Apollo Bay Drop-in Information Session

Date: Thursday 26 October

Venue: Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre, 100 Great Ocean Road

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



Youth Photography Competition

Entries are now open for the **Connectivity: Capturing the Threads That Bind Us** youth photography competition.

If you're aged 13 to 25 and love photography, here's your chance to get creative.

There are prizes to be won across three age categories.

Scan the QR code for more information and to submit an entry.

