



Birregurra Playspace Upgrade

Council has allocated \$275,000 towards an upgrade of the Birregurra Park Playspace and we invite the community to come and have a chat to Council officers to tell us your thoughts and ideas about what works at the playspace and what could be changed to ensure the space is a place where local children, young people, families and visitors want to spend time.

Where: Birregurra Sunday Market at the Park
When: Sunday 12 November between 10am and 12pm

There'll also be free kids activities on the day. Please register to attend via Council's Facebook events page.

If you can't make it to the in-person drop-in session, please complete the online survey with your thoughts and ideas, visit Council's website and click Have Your Say from the homepage.



Council meeting

A Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 8 November 2023
Time: 4pm
Venue: COPACC, 95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

The sole purpose of the Council meeting is to consider the:
- Term and election of the Mayor
- Term and election of the Deputy Mayor

The meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Copies of the agenda will be available from today Friday 3 November at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Have Your Say

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

Community ideas for 69 McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay

At its October meeting in Apollo Bay, Council decided to pause the sale of 69 McLachlan St, Apollo Bay. Council is providing the community with a further opportunity to put forward ideas about how the former kindergarten site may be used if it is not sold. All written submissions must be received before 5pm, Monday 27 November 2023.

Colac Otway Visitor Servicing Review

Council is seeking feedback from local business operators and the broader community about visitor servicing in Colac Otway. We're interested in hearing from the Colac Otway community on how to deliver a service that best caters to visitor needs. The survey closes at 5pm Friday 10 November 2023.

Youth Survey

Council is calling on young people aged 12 - 25 who live, work and/or study in Colac Otway to provide feedback on youth matters, engagement and activities in the shire. Feedback provided will assist Council in planning future opportunities, activities, workshops and events as we develop our Youth Program. The survey closes at 5pm Friday 1 December 2023.

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



Notice of an Application for Planning Permit

The land affected by the application is located at: 320 Mooleric Road BIRREGURRA
Lot: 3 TP: 372519 V/F: 10991/354, **Lot: 4** TP: 372519 V/F: 10991/357,
Lot: 1 TP: 247757 V/F: 10991/350, **Lot: 4** TP: 247757 V/F: 10991/353 **Lot: 6** TP: 247757 V/F: 10991/350, **Lot: 7** TP: 247757 V/F: 10991/353, Parish of Birregurra
Road reserve north of Lots 1 and 3 TP372519

The application is for a permit to: Use and development of a Special Class Broiler Farm, 4 dwellings and associated buildings and works

The applicant for the permit is: Spirecom Pty Ltd

The application reference number is: PP159/2023-1

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority during office hours at Colac Otway Shire Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac (2-6 Rae Street) and Apollo Bay (100 Great Ocean Road); or at <http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au>

This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority.

An objection must be made to the responsible authority in writing, include the reasons for the objection and state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available at its office for any person to inspect during office hours free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before **12 November 2023**

If you object the responsible authority will tell you its decision.



Changes to OPASS inbound calls

When customers and clients contact Council's Older Persons and Ability Support Services via the direct line on 5232 9420, you will be offered three options to speak to staff about service delivery, home care package case management and to speak with a regional assessment officer. You can also contact Council's Customer Service team on 5232 9400 if you have any questions.



Fair Access Information Sessions for sporting clubs

Colac Otway Shire Council, in partnership with Leisure Networks, is hosting Fair Access (Gender Equity) information sessions for Colac Otway Shire sporting clubs and organisations to help the community to provide local sporting opportunities that are accessible to everyone.

Under the Victorian Government's Fair Access Policy Roadmap, Councils are required to develop a Fair Access Policy including developing actions that implement the policy for delivering equitable access to publicly owned community sports infrastructure. The information sessions will support local sporting clubs to understand the Fair Access principles and assist Council in developing a localised action plan for implementing the Fair Access Policy Roadmap.

Venues, dates and times of information sessions are:

COLAC

Venue: Colac Central Reserve
Date: Monday 13 November
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

APOLLO BAY

Venue: Apollo Bay Bowling Club
Date: Wednesday 15 November
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm

People are asked to register their attendance at an information session via the Leisure Networks ticketing system: www.leisurenetworks.org/event/colac-otway-shire-fair-access-sessions

For more information, contact Council on inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or call 5232 9400.



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!

• Bluewater Childcare Assistant

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.



Cat Confinement Order

At the October meeting, Council adopted a cat confinement order which requires cat owners to ensure your pet is confined either inside the home or in an escape-proof structure outside the home, or in another building on the property between 7pm and 7am.

The order came into effect on Wednesday 1 November 2023 - however Council is mindful community members, and their pet cats, need time to adjust so please contact us if you have any questions about the changes.



Prepare for upcoming fire season

To help our coastal communities prepare for fire season, Wye and Kennett River and Separation Creek will receive a free bark and leaf collection again this year. Wye and Kennett River and Separation Creek residents - please start having bark and leaf piles ready for collection. Collections will take place at:

- Wye River and Separation Creek on Monday 13 until Wednesday 15 November.

- Kennett River, Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November.

Council also has green waste skips in Wye and Kennett from 3 November to 27 November to help residents clean up properties. A skip for green waste will also be located in Forrest from 1 to 11 December.



Children's Week

Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate Children's Week at the Colac Botanic Gardens last week! We had so much fun, getting up close to reptiles, singing and dancing, doing arts and crafts and seeing our emergency services vehicles in action! There was even a visit from the tooth fairy who helped children learn about keeping teeth clean and healthy eating habits!

