



Planning Committee meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 6 December 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. Copies of the meeting agenda will be available on Council's website from Friday 1 December 2023.



Unscheduled Council meeting

An Unscheduled Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023
Time: 5.30pm
Venue: COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

The sole purpose of the Unscheduled Council meeting will be to consider the following item:

- Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Lake Colac Oval Lighting Project

Copies of the agenda will be available on Council's website Friday 1 December 2023. Please note, as per the Governance Rules of Colac Otway Shire Council, only questions related to the agenda for the Unscheduled Council meeting will be responded to.

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Council meeting are livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).



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!

- **Multipurpose Officer Plant/Operator**
- **Statutory Planner**
- **Multipurpose Parks and Gardens (two positions)**
- **Bluewater Leisure Officer (two positions)**
- **Youth Engagement Project Officer**

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.



Register your event on the Christmas in Colac Otway website

To help celebrate the family friendly Christmas activities and events throughout the shire, Colac Otway Shire Council with the Colac Herald and 3CS/Mixx FM is offering you the opportunity to promote your event via a Christmas in Colac Otway event website.

This joint initiative is free for community events, and to those groups providing volunteering opportunities and support to our communities this Christmas.

We want to hear from you about activities happening throughout all of Colac Otway to promote your event and encourage people to come along.

Visit www.christmasincolacotway.com.au to register your event.



Christmas
in Colac Otway



Light-Up the Christmas Tree in Memorial Square

Join us in the Memorial Square in Murray Street, Colac tonight, Friday November 24 between 6.30pm and 8pm for a free family-friendly event to kick-start the holiday festivities in Colac Otway. Get your photo taken with Santa, and enjoy some give-aways and children's activities, culminating in the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree!



Have Your Say

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

Lake Oval (Colac Cricket Ground) - proposed sports lighting upgrade

Council is seeking community feedback on a proposal to upgrade the sports lighting at Lake Oval. This project was identified as a priority during the development of the 2023 Colac City Reserves Planning Project, which included a master plan for Lake Oval. The upgrade will enable the Colac and District Football Umpires to train under safe and compliant lighting. It will also enable other sporting clubs to access an alternate venue for training during the winter months. Feedback on the proposed works close at 5pm Thursday 30 November 2023.

Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan Community Reference Group

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 Colac residents to apply to be part of the Community Reference Group (CRG) to help shape the plan.

Birregurra Playspace Upgrade

Council has allocated \$275,000 towards an upgrade of the Birregurra Park Playspace and we invite the community 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.

Donaldson Street, Colac - Playspace Upgrade

Council has allocated \$100,000 towards an upgrade of the Donaldson Street, Colac Playspace and we invite the community to provide feedback on the current facilities and what equipment you'd like to see in the Donaldson Street Park in the future.

Community ideas for 69 McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay

At its October meeting, 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.

Fair Access Policy

Council's Draft Fair Access Policy is now on exhibition with the community invited to provide feedback. In August 2022, the Victorian Government announced a new Fair Access Policy Roadmap, which supports gender equitable access and use of community sports infrastructure across the state. The Fair Access Policy Roadmap requires all Victorian councils from 1 July 2024 to have gender equitable access and use policies in place to be considered eligible to receive infrastructure funding. These policies will ensure that women and girls can fully participate in and enjoy the benefits of community sport, with fair opportunity and access to their local facilities. Submissions to the draft policy close at 5pm Friday 19 January 2024.

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.



Silent Community March to End Violence Against Women and Children

Colac Otway Shire Council with Colac Otway and Corangamite Child and Family Services Alliance will mark the Global 16 Days of Activism campaign with a silent community march to take place:

When: Wednesday 29 November 2023
Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Where: The March commences at 10.30am at Colac's Memorial Square and concludes at COPACC with guest speakers and light refreshments.

All community members welcome.