

## We're all in this together Colac Otway

**This week's lockdown was a reminder of the importance of remaining vigilant against COVID-19.**

As a community it's vital we continue to keep each other safe - that means practicing extreme hygiene, wearing masks where needed, checking in with QR codes, and getting tested if you have any cold or flu-like symptoms. This message from last year still holds true, more than a year into the pandemic. We haven't had an outbreak for months and we want to keep it that way. So please, do the right thing and keep yourself and your family safe.

For latest information on Council services, COVID-19 restrictions, exposure sites, where to get tested and where you can get the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au)

## Notice of Submissions Committee of Council meeting

**Draft Budget 2021 - 2022 and 2021 - 2025 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan submissions**

A Submissions Committee of Council will meet (as detailed below) to consider submissions for both Council's proposal to adopt the Draft Budget 2021 - 2022 and the 2021 - 2025 Draft Revenue and Rating Plan.

**DATE:** Wednesday, 9 June 2021

**TIME:** 4pm

**VENUE:** COPACC, Colac

Details about public access will be subject to State Government COVID-19 restrictions, please see Monday's Colac Herald for meeting information. Any person who made a submission should note that unless a submitter requested to the contrary, copies of submissions (including the submitter's name, address and phone number) may also be included in the Council meeting agenda, which are a permanent public record, and published on Council's website for an indefinite period.

Committee meetings are livestreamed on Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

## EOI - Hordern Vale Hall and Recreation Reserve Inc. Committee of Management

**Expressions of Interest are sought for interested community members in forming the Committee of Management for the Hordern Vale Hall and Recreation Reserve. All positions have been declared open.**

Interested persons can self-nominate by completing an Expressions of Interest and a Declaration of Private Interest form, then submitting to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) at PO Box 103, Geelong, 3220 by close of business on 18 June 2021.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the forms please contact Samantha Culver at DELWP via [samantha.culver@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:samantha.culver@delwp.vic.gov.au)

## Expressions of Interest - Lake Colac Coordinating Committee

**Council is seeking four community members to join the Lake Colac Co-ordinating Committee.**

Community members will work with the advisory committee to provide advice on issues related to the management of Lake Colac. Community members who have an interest in Lake Colac and believe they can make a valuable contribution are encouraged to apply. The community representative positions are reviewed every three years.

The representatives would attend quarterly meetings (or more frequently if necessary) along with Shire staff, representatives from government authorities, community groups and Councillors.

Expression of Interest forms can be obtained from Council's website at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) by contacting Council's Environment and Community Safety Administration Officer, phone 5232 9400 or email [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au) and at the Council Offices at 2 - 6 Rae St Colac.

Expressions of interest close Friday 25 June 2021 and should be returned to Colac Otway Shire, PO Box 283 Colac Vic 3250, marked 'attention Environment and Community Safety Administration Officer'.

## G21 & AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy

**G21 - Geelong Region Alliance and AFL Barwon are seeking public feedback on the G21 and AFL Barwon Towards 2030: Strategy.**



The strategy has been developed by local government authorities (LGAs) within the G21 region in partnership with AFL Barwon to guide planning and development of both football and netball over the next decade.

The key themes of the new Towards 2030: Strategy identify ways to increase diversity in participation, improve facilities and sustainability, build and retain football and netball participation and continue to support clubs and their people.

The strategy, in draft format, has been approved by all five G21 LGAs for public exhibition, and now community feedback is invited.

People can view the strategy on the G21 website at <https://g21.com.au/about-g21/engagement/>

Feedback can be provided via the online contact form.

Submissions close on Sunday 11 July 2021.

## Have Your Say

**Colac Otway Shire Council currently has the following items on public exhibition:**

- Draft Social Housing Strategy
- Draft Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy

For more information, and to make a submission, visit Council's website.



## City Deal Sign Unveiling

**New signs promoting Geelong City Deal projects underway along the Colac Otway Shire coast will inform locals and visitors of the pending works and exciting developments.**

The City Deal will deliver a redevelopment and major upgrade of the Apollo Bay Harbour precinct; a pathway linking Skenes Creek to Apollo Bay's Great Ocean Walk; and new toilets and visitor parking at Kennett River.

Colac Otway's three coastal projects demonstrate a significant investment across three years to support and diversify tourism growth, while boosting liveability in these much-loved Great Ocean Road towns. The projects are being funded for \$18.9 million by the Australian Government under the City Deal.

The Geelong City Deal is a 10-year plan to revitalise Geelong and unlock the potential of the Great Ocean Road visitor economy. The Australian and Victorian Governments, together with local Government, will deliver \$382.48 million in investment to the region, supporting the region's continued economic diversification and growth of the visitor economy.

Colac Otway Shire Council is working with community and business to bring the Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Kennett River projects to life.

These projects are currently in the Planning and Detailed Design phase, which includes the permit and approvals process, and project costings. Major on-site construction works will commence mid-2022.

Project director Frank Castles and the Geelong City Deal project team are based at Apollo Bay, and were joined by Colac Otway Shire Councillors for the recent project sign unveiling.

Project details are available online at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) and the community is encouraged to subscribe for regular updates via the website.