



Council Meeting

The August 2021 Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 22 September 2021 at 4pm

The meeting is currently scheduled to take place at the Apollo Bay Senior Citizens' Centre.

Please see next week's edition of the Colac Herald for details regarding how the September meeting will be held (subject to current COVID-19 restrictions) or contact Council on 5232 9400.

Council meetings are livestreamed on Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Written questions may be submitted by 5pm on the Monday prior to the meeting.

Keep Colac Otway Safe

Cr Stephen Hart has rolled up his sleeve for the COVID-19 vaccination and we're asking our Colac Otway community to do the same, to Keep Colac Otway Safe.

For information about local COVID-19 clinics in Colac and Apollo Bay, visit Colac Area Health at www.cah.vic.gov.au and Great Ocean Road Health at www.greatoceanroadhealth.com.au or talk to your GP.

We're all in this together Colac Otway.

(Please note, photo taken during a period of eased COVID restrictions).



Have Your Say

Colac Otway Shire Council have a number of items out for public exhibition and community feedback.

The following three items close today (Friday 10 September):

- Australia Day Event Consultation
- Draft 2050 Community Vision and Council Plan
- Draft Colac West Development Plan

The following items are also on exhibition (closing dates as indicated):

- Rates Assistance to Community Groups policy (closes this Monday, 13 September)
- Draft Environmental Sustainability Policy (closes 1 October)
- Draft Capital Funds Allocation and Capital Project Prioritisation Policies (closes 8 October)
- Memorial Square Public Toilet Redevelopment (closes 11 October)

For more information, and to make a submission, visit Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au and search 'Have Your Say'.

We're Recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- **Health Protection Coordinator**
- **Events & Project Officer**

For position descriptions for these roles, other employment opportunities available at Council and to apply online please visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on 5232 9529.

Connecting Victoria

The Victorian Government is fast-tracking better mobile coverage and broadband across the state through the \$550 million Connecting Victoria program.

To assist in identifying where mobile and broadband improvements are most needed across the state, please visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/connecting-victoria>

You can also find more information on this program on Council's website.

Strachan Street, Birregurra - Reconstruction

Contract No. 2200

Council invites submissions from suitable contractors for the reconstruction of Strachan Street in Birregurra, from Main Street to Barry Street. Works include: traffic and pedestrian management; environmental management on site; construction of footpaths, kerb/channel, drainage, road pavement construction, sealing, finishing and reinstatement.

A copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at: www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway

Tenders close at 2pm Friday, 1 October 2021. Submissions must be lodged via the electronic tender box. Late, emailed or posted tenders will not be considered.

COLOSYL

Are you interested in helping to improve opportunities for young people in the Colac Otway region? Do you have ideas for activities and events for young people?

You could be perfect for Colac Otway Shire's new Youth Reference Group called COLOSYL, which stands for Colac Otway Shire Youth Leadership.

We know young people have Big Ideas and Big Voices - we are calling on all young people aged 12 - 25 who live, work, study, or have a strong connection to Colac Otway Shire to join our Youth Reference Group.

The COLOSYL Team will have an active role in ensuring the voices and needs of young people are heard, while also having the opportunity to host activities and events aimed at Colac Otway Shire's Young People.

If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this opportunity, you can contact Colac Otway Shire's Youth Engagement Project Officer on 5232 9400 or email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au to request further information (all enquiries will be dealt with in strict confidence).

Signup forms are available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au on the Youth Services page.



Rates Payments

Did you know that you can pay your Rates:

- At any Australia Post Office
- Online using our e-Services portal
- Via BPay using the biller code on your Rates notice
- Sign up to e-Notices to receive and pay your assessments electronically

If you are experiencing financial hardship and having difficulty paying your Rates, please contact Council. We can assist in:

- Setting up direct debit payments
- Setting up a flexible, alternative payment arrangement
- Applying for Rates Financial Assistance
- Putting you in contact with a Financial Counsellor

Please call 5232 9400, or visit Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

