

2022-23 Draft Budget including the Draft 2022-23 Fees and Charges - public consultation

Notice is hereby given that Colac Otway Shire Council has prepared the 2022 - 23 Draft Budget (including the Draft 2022-23 Fees and Charges), with the community invited to make written submissions.

The Draft Budget has been prepared in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act). A copy of the Draft Budget (including Draft 2022-23 Fees and Charges Schedule) is available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or in person at Customer Service Centres in Rae Street, Colac or in Apollo Bay at the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre.

Submissions

Any person wishing to make a written submission on the Draft Budget must lodge a submission by 5pm on Friday 3 June 2022. An online budget submission form can be found on the Council website.

Written submissions should be addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Colac Otway Shire, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250. Submissions may also be submitted by email to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au with the subject line being "Budget Submission".

Any person making a written submission is entitled to state in the submission that they wish to be heard at a Submissions Committee meeting scheduled on Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 4pm.

Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests 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.

Council will meet to formally consider the Budget at a Council meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 4pm at Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre (COPACC).

Any person requiring further information concerning any of the documents or the making of a written submission should contact Council on inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5232 9400.

Draft Asset Plan - public consultation

At the Council meeting on 27 April 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the Draft Asset Plan for the purpose of public consultation for no less than a five-week period.

From today (Friday 29 April 2022), copies of the Draft Asset Plan will be available:

- Online via Council's website.
- For inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre in Colac between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.

Submissions regarding the Draft Asset Plan must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 3 June 2022 via:

- Email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au; or
- Mail to "Draft Asset Plan", Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Any person making a written submission is entitled to state in the submission that they wish to be heard at a Submissions Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 June 2022 at 4pm.

Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests 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.

Council will meet to formally consider the Draft Asset Plan at the Council meeting on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 4pm at Colac Otway Performing Arts & Cultural Centre (COPACC).

Any person requiring further information concerning any of the documents or the making of a written submission should contact Council on inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5232 9400.

Domestic Wastewater Management Plan - public consultation

At the Council meeting on 27 April 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan for the purpose of public consultation for no less than an eight-week period.

From today (Friday 29 April 2022), copies of the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan will be available:

- Online via Council's website.
- For inspection at Council's Customer Service Centre in Colac between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.

A number of drop in community information sessions have also been arranged:

- Forrest - date to be confirmed
- Beeac Thursday 2 June from 4pm to 6pm
- Beech Forest Hall, Saturday 4 June from 10am to 12pm

A Facts, Questions & Answers document on the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan is also available on Council's website or at Council's Customer Service Centres at Colac and Apollo Bay.

Submissions regarding the Domestic Wastewater Management Plan must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 24 June 2022 via:

- Email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au; or
- Mail to "Domestic Wastewater Management Plan", Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Please make your submissions in writing, clearly stating the grounds on which you support or oppose the draft Domestic Wastewater Management Plan, indicating what changes (if any) you wish to make. Please also include your name and contact details so Council can notify you of the opportunity to attend Council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests 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.

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Domestic Wastewater Management Plan at a future Council meeting.

Special Council meeting

In accordance with Clause 11 of Council's Governance Rules, the Mayor has called a special meeting of Council to be held on Wednesday 4 May 2022 at COPACC, 95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac, commencing at 4pm.

The sole purpose of the meeting is to consider the following item of confidential business:

- **Sale of 36 - 52 Bruce Street, Colac.**

It is intended that Council, pursuant to sections 66(1) and 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Act), will immediately close the meeting to members of the public to consider the above matter which deals with:

- Council business information, being information that would prejudice the Council's position in commercial negotiations if prematurely released, under section 3(1)(a) of the Act; and
- Private commercial information, being information provided by a business, commercial or financial undertaking that, if released, would unreasonably expose the business, commercial or financial undertaking to disadvantage, under section 3(1)(g)(ii).

As the only item of business to be transacted will be in closed session, we do not encourage members of the public to attend.

Copies of the agenda will be available today Friday 29 April at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Planning Committee meeting

Cancellation | 11 May 2022

The Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 11 May 2022 has been cancelled. There are no planning matters to be determined by the Committee at this time.



Family Day Care Information Night

If you're interested in becoming a Family Day Care Educator, come along and find out more at our Information Night.

When: Wednesday 4 May from 6pm

Where: COPACC Civic Hall (95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac).

RSVP: via email to familydaycare@colacotway.vic.gov.au

Meet other Family Day Care Educators to learn about their experiences and why they love what they do along with information on how Council can support you to start up your own small business.



Colac Botanical Gardens - notice of closure times

Please note, the Colac Botanical Gardens will be closed to vehicle traffic from Tuesday 3 May for up to 14 days (Tuesday 17 May) for Council to recommence a 'nudging' program of the Grey-headed Flying Foxes to encourage the native animals roost in more robust trees in the Gardens.

Garden will also be closed to pedestrian traffic from 6.30am to 7.30 daily for this 14-day period from Tuesday 3 May.

Closures have been deemed necessary to ensure community safety and for the welfare of the Flying Foxes. Council apologises for any inconvenience caused by closures. More information on the program can be found on Council's website.



Immunisation Sessions

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the Apollo Bay Kindergarten building, located at the Apollo Bay P-12 College site on Pengilly Avenue.

Upcoming immunisation sessions in Colac are:

Thursday 5 May, 10.30am - 11.30am

Monday 16 May, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Free flu vaccinations are also available for children under-5 and adults over-65 at Council's immunisation sessions.

Please contact Colac Otway Shire's Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 to book a flu vaccination. People should not attend the session if they or their child is unwell. Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases



Leaf Collection

Leaf it to us! Starting from Tuesday 3 May, Council have a local contractor collecting leaf piles every Tuesday and Wednesday in autumn.

If you rake your leaves and leave them on the nature strip in Colac, they will be collected for composting. Thanks.