

Have Your Say - 2022-23 Draft Budget and Draft Asset Plan (closing Friday 3 June)

Council's Draft Budget 2022-23 (including the Draft Fees and Charges 2022-23) and Draft Asset Plan are on exhibition.

Council encourages the community to review these important documents and contribute feedback via the submission process, please note submissions close Friday 3 June 2022.

To view the documents and make a submission, visit Council's website and click the Have Your Say link from the homepage.

Draft Budget Highlights

The Draft Budget 2022-23 plans to deliver an operating surplus and will allow Council to invest a further \$12.1m in capital works projects, of which \$8.5m is directed to Council's asset renewal program to support economic prosperity and healthy, connected communities.

- Future planning for Deans Creek Growth Corridor
- Maintaining carbon neutral Council operations
- Elliminyt Wetlands project
- Improving the customer experience
- Road Reconstruction Program
- Building Renewal Program
- New Customer Request System

Draft Budget at a glance

1.75% average rate increase



3.5% waste charge increase



\$55.7m Revenue



\$380k New Borrowings



\$55.4m Expenditure (in addition to capital works)



\$12.1m Additional for Capital Works



\$8.5m Asset Renewal



Draft Asset Plan at a glance

Council owns or manages assets that have a total replacement value of approximately \$555m.

The large asset portfolio managed by Council underpins our community's health, liveability and economy.

The Draft Asset Plan 2022-23 to 2031-32 includes Council's first asset renewal funding strategy and is integrated into Council's Financial Plans.

Planning Committee meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 8 June 2022

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 submissions and have requested to speak to their submission are able to participate in the meeting.

The Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com)

Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 3 June at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

National Reconciliation Week Event

The Colac Otway Shire Council has great pleasure inviting you to participate in a National Reconciliation Week event at COPACC on Thursday 2 June, when we will hear from the co-authors of the acclaimed Our Place book series, Aunty Fay Stewart-Muir and Sue Lawson.

Aunty Fay is an Elder and Traditional Owner of Boon Wurrung country. She's a former nurse and teacher, is part of Koorie Court, and is a language consultant who presents workshops about reclaiming language.

Sue Lawson is a former Colac resident who writes fiction and non-fiction for children and young adults. Her most recent young adult novel Freedom Ride was shortlisted for a raft of awards including the Children's Book Council Book of the Year Awards.

Aunty Fay and Sue have been writing together for more than five years and will speak in Colac about their collaboration as part of National Reconciliation Week.

To book, visit Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au and click the link to 'Upcoming Events', please note bookings are essential to ensure we can manage the capacity of our function room.

We're recruiting

- Bluewater Swim School Instructor
- Tourism Officer (Apollo Bay)

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9529.

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 2 June, 10.30am - 11.30am

Monday 20 June, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website for more information.



Draft Asset Management Policy - public consultation

At the Council meeting on 25 May 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the Draft Asset Management Policy for the purpose of public consultation for no less than a six-week period.

From today (Friday 27 May 2022), copies of the Draft Asset Plan will be available:

- Online via Council's website.

- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office 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 8 July 2022 via:

- Email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au; or

- Mail to "Draft Asset Management Policy", 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. A Submissions Committee meeting will be convened prior to formal consideration at a future Council meeting.

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.

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.

Tree Removal - Meredith Park

Beginning Monday 30 May and finishing Friday 3 June, works will be undertaken to remove and dispose of several dead and dying cypress pines at the northern end of Meredith Park.

Access to the area will be restricted, with signage in place. The area where works will be taking place is outside of the permitted camping areas.

Council Otway Shire Council is developing a new Environment Strategy - and we want your contribution!

The new strategy will guide Council's environmental values and targets for our region for close to the next decade.

It's essential that community opinion shapes this strategy - we need your help. Please join us at one of the drop-in sessions that will be held across the shire in June to have your say.

This is the first step in the development of the strategy that will involve a survey, widespread consultation, open submissions, and a request for feedback once the draft has been created. Further information (and the survey) will be available on Council's website.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN SESSIONS:

COLAC

1pm - 3pm
Tuesday, 7 June
Colac Library

COLAC

5.30pm - 7.30pm
Thursday, 9 June
COPACC

BEEAC

1pm - 3pm
Friday, 10 June
Council Marquee
- in vicinity of Farmers Arms Hotel Beeac

APOLLO BAY

9am - 12 pm
Saturday, 11 June
Council Marquee
- Apollo Bay Market

WYE RIVER

9.30am - 11.30 am
Sunday, 12 June
Council Marquee
- in vicinity of Wye General Store

LAVERS HILL

11am - 1pm
Tuesday, 14 June
Lavers Hill Hall

GELLIBRAND

2pm - 4pm
Tuesday, 14 June
Gellibrand Hall

BIRREGURRA

12pm - 2pm
Friday, 17 June
Birregurra Community Hall

ONLINE SESSION

6pm - 7pm
Monday, 20 June
Please visit Council's website and go to the 'Have Your Say' page for information and to find a link to the online session.

FORREST

12.30pm - 2.30pm Tuesday, 21 June 2022
Forrest Community Hub

