



Submissions Committee of Council meeting

A Submissions Committee of Council will meet (as detailed below) to consider submissions for Colac Otway Shire Council's:

- Subdivision of Land into 54 Lots - 36-52 Bruce Street, Colac (PP254/2022-1)

Date: Wednesday 7 June 2023

Time: 4pm

Venue: COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

Only those who lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission can address the meeting. Copies of the meeting agenda will be available Friday 2 June 2023 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

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



National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday, Mayor Chris Potter and Cr Marg White attended National Simultaneous Storytime at the Colac Community Library and Learning Centre. Cr White read 'The Speedy Sloth' by Rebecca Young (illustrated by Heath McKenzie) to children who were at the library for a special session of Story Time.

The National Simultaneous Storytime is an exciting literacy campaign aimed at encouraging young children to read and enjoy books. The event explores themes and key learning areas of the national curriculum through the simultaneous read of an Australian children's book around the country at 11am.

Our thanks to the Mayor and Cr White for a lovely storytime morning at the library.

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!

We're currently recruiting:

• **Bluewater Duty Manager (closes 30 May 2023)**

• **Environment & Sustainability Officer (closes 6 June 2023)**

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

Customer Request Management System

Council is currently making changes to its Customer Request Management system, we ask you to please be patient with our Customer Service Officers as we transition to the new system. A service improvement you'll see immediately is the new Request Acknowledgement email sent directly to your inbox.

Have Your Say

- Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Draft Climate Change Action Plan.

Council acknowledges its communities are facing a global climate change and biodiversity crisis, one that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local councils.

The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033 will be Council's roadmap to guide its actions for the next ten years to ensure that we protect and enhance our environment and take appropriate action to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate and create resilient and sustainable communities.

The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033 and draft Climate Change Action Plan are now on exhibition with the community invited to provide feedback. Submissions close at 5pm Friday 7 July 2023.

- Events Policy Review

Council endorsed the draft Events Policy for public exhibition to seek community feedback. Events play an important role in strengthening the community and provide significant economic, social and cultural benefits. Key changes to the policy include: Improved criteria for when an 'Event in a Public Place' permit is required; inclusion of sustainability and waste management requirements; and consolidated Events Policy capturing all event permit requirements. Please visit Council's website for details on the exhibition period and how to make a submission.

- 2023-24 Draft Budget and Proposed Fees and Charges

Council's Draft Budget 2023-24 and proposed fees and charges are now on exhibition. Council encourages the community to review these important documents and contribute feedback via the submission process. Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 5 June 2023.

Submissions

Online: Visit Council's website and click 'Have Your Say' from the homepage.

Post: Written submissions should be addressed to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Email: Submissions may also be submitted by email to ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au with the subject line of the project or initiative your providing feedback on.

Please state in your written submission if you wish to be heard at an upcoming Submissions Committee meeting.

Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests to the contrary, copies of submissions (including the submitter's name) 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.

Rates Payments

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2022 - 2023 rates by the quarterly instalments option are reminded the fourth quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 31 May 2023 - notices for this instalment have been sent out.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should contact Council's Revenue Department to discuss Payment Plan options.

May Council meeting snapshot

- Council's Draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Draft Climate Change Action Plan is now on public exhibition and the community are invited to provide their feedback (for further information, please see the notice on this page).

- **Council noted the Quarterly Performance Report for the third quarter 2022-2023 for the period 1 January to 31 March 2023. The report includes a progress report on the Council Plan objectives, reports on operating projects and also capital works. To view the Quarterly Performance Report, visit Council's website.**

- The Colac City Reserves Planning Project - Final Report and Master Plans were adopted by Council at Wednesday's May meeting. Council received community feedback on the Colac City Reserves Planning Project (inclusive of reserve specific final master plans for Eastern Reserve, Lake Oval, Western Reserve and Central Reserve) and adopted the final report. The primary purpose of the report is to guide future and detailed infrastructure planning and advocacy. The final report will be available on Council's website.

- **Council endorsed the draft Events Policy for public exhibition to seek feedback from the community for a minimum period of six weeks (for further information, please see the notice on this page).**

- Council authorised the Chief Executive Officer to execute a three-month extension to the agreement with BelgraviaPRO for the management of the Lake Colac Holiday Park. A report will be presented to a future Council meeting to consider the Lake Colac Holiday Park Lease Expression of Interest process.