

What is COLOSYL?

The Colac Otway Shire Youth Leaders Group, or COLOSYL for short, is an opportunity for young people to make a difference within their community, to be involved in guiding decision making, and to be an advocate for issues that affect young people in the Colac Otway Shire Council. COLOSYL is also an opportunity for young people to develop and deliver FreeZa events for young people in the Colac Otway Shire.

Who can apply?

Any young person aged between 12–25 years who lives, works or studies in the Colac Otway Shire Council area can apply.

What is involved?

As a COLOSYL member, you will have the opportunity to be involved in the following:

- Attending monthly COLOSYL meetings;
- Voicing the views of your local youth community;
- Participating in group discussions;
- Provide feedback into future Headspace services in Colac and;
- Receive \$30 per hour for participation relevant to Headspace;
- Consulting with young people, your wider community as well as Council & Councillors;
- Working in a team to develop and implement youth projects and activities;
- Support Council initiatives; and
- Upholding and representing Council and COLOSYL values.
- Developing and delivering FreeZa events.

Benefits for you?

Participating in COLOSYL has many benefits for its members, such as:

- Developing new skills;
- Raising awareness of the needs and issues of young people;
- Working with other young people who have similar interests;
- Increasing knowledge of Local Government;
- Volunteering experiences for your resume; and most importantly
- Playing your part in decisions that affect young people.

Further information:

For further information, or a discussion regarding COLOSYL, please contact the Youth Engagement Project Officer at Colac Otway Shire on 03 5232 9400 or email at inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au



Colac Otway Shire Council proudly acknowledges the Guldjian and Gadubanud peoples, past, present and emerging, as the traditional custodians of the Colac Otway Region.

Colac Otway Shire Council also proudly recognises the diversity of its young people & is a welcoming, safe space for young people to express who they are.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Colac Otway Shire Council is committed to upholding the right to privacy of all individuals who have dealings with Council.

Colac Otway Shire Council will take necessary steps to ensure that personal information that is collected through this application from Young People, Parents or Guardians remains confidential.

Council will only use personal information for the purposes for which it was collected and for any other use authorised or required by law, including law enforcement and compliance activities.

Information including the first name and age of the applicant will be published in local circulating newspapers and newsletters, on Council's website, and other social media platforms that Colac Otway Shire Council utilises.

Further, where consent has been given, photos and videos depicting Members of COLOSYL will also be circulated in the above correspondence, for which there will be no form of compensation.

By giving your permission as a Young Person, Parent, or Guardian in the **'Your Declaration'** section of this form, you give your consent to the collection and use of photos and videos as described.

Child Safe Standards Statement

The Colac Otway Shire Council is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children and young people and is committed to creating and maintaining a child safe organisation.

The Colac Otway Shire Council has zero tolerance of child abuse and are committed to actively contributing to a child safe Shire where children and young people are protected from abuse.

Our commitment to the safety of children and young people is based on our duty of care responsibilities to children and young people and always acting in the best interests of children and young people.

Our commitment is also enacted through the implementation and monitoring of the Child Safe Standards as specified under the Child Wellbeing and Safety Amendment (Child Safe Standards) Act of 2015.

For more information on Colac Otway Shire Council's Child Safe Standards practices, please call Colac Otway Shire Council on 03 5232 9400.

COLOSYL - MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

YOUR DETAILS:

Full Name:	
Address:	
Email:	
Gender Identity:	Pronouns:
Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Birthdate:	Mobile/Home Ph.:
Do you have any accessibility needs?	
Do you have any allergies/medical conditions?	

YOUR INTERESTS:

How did you hear about COLOSYL?		
What do you believe to be the top 3 youth issues?		
1.	2.	3.
What youth activity event program would you like to see in Colac Otway Shire?		
What are you currently doing? (Select more than one if applicable) (Work Sports Hobbies School Uni/TAFE)		

YOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Full Name:	Relationship:
Address:	
Mobile/Home Ph.:	

YOUR DECLARATION (PLEASE TICK AS READ)

- I confirm that the information I have provided in this application is true and correct.
- I currently hold or will obtain a Volunteers Working with Children Check if I am aged 17 to 25.
- I acknowledge that Colac Otway Shire is alcohol, smoke and other drugs free and that I will not consume substances while involved in COLOSYL activities.
- I give permission to Colac Otway Shire to use photographs/videos of me in Council publications, media releases, social media and other COLOSYL-related marketing.
- I do not give permission to Colac Otway Shire to use photographs/videos of me in Council publications, media releases, social media and other COLOSYL-related marketing.

Applicant signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE! ARE YOU UNDER 18 YEARS? PLEASE HAVE A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGN ON YOUR BEHALF.

Full name of parent/guardian/carer:
Relationship to applicant:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**NOTE! ARE YOU AGED 17 TO 25?
YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR A VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC).
VOLUNTEER WWCC ARE FREE. YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE HERE; workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au OR GOOGLE 'WWCC'**