



Council Meeting Minutes

UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

14 July 2026 at 1.30pm

COPACC Meeting Rooms 1 & 2

COLAC OTWAY SHIRE UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 14 July 2026

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COLAC OTWAY SHIRE UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES of the *UNSCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING OF THE COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL* held at COPACC on Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 1:30 PM.

MINUTES

1 DECLARATION OF OPENING

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we seek your blessing and guidance in our deliberations on behalf of the people of the Colac Otway Shire. Enable this Council's decisions to be those that contribute to the true welfare and betterment of our community.

AMEN

2 WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Colac Otway Shire acknowledges the original custodians and law makers of this land, their elders past and present.

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The sole purpose of this Unscheduled Council meeting was to consider the following agenda item:

- 2026-27 Local Sports Infrastructure Funding Program – Proposed Applications

3 MEETING ADMINISTRATION

3.1 Present

Cr Jason Schram (Mayor)
Cr Phil Howard (Deputy Mayor)
Cr Chris Potter
Cr Zoe Hudgell
Cr Charlie Buchanan
Cr Chrissy De Deugd

Andrew Tenni, Chief Executive Officer
Emma Lowes, General Manager Corporate Services
Doug McNeill, General Manager Infrastructure and Environment
Ian Seuren, General Manager Community and Economy
Anita Craven, Executive Officer Governance
Matilda Hardy-Smith, Coordinator Council Business

3.2 Apologies

Cr Mick McCrickard

3.3 Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Howard, Seconded Cr Hudgell

That Council confirm the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 June 2026.

CARRIED 6 : 0

3.4 Declarations of Interest

Nil

Item: 4.1

2026-27 Local Sports Infrastructure Funding Program - Proposed Applications

OFFICER	Nicole Frampton
GENERAL MANAGER	Ian Seuren
DIVISION	Community and Economy

RESOLUTION

Moved Cr Potter, Seconded Cr Hudgell

That Council:

- 1. Endorses the submission of an application to the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Community Sports Lighting Stream for the Central Reserve Hockey Fields lighting upgrade seeking a Victorian Government Grant of \$250,000 (excluding GST), with a Council contribution of up to \$83,334 (excluding GST).*
- 2. Endorses the submission of an application to the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Planning Stream for a municipal tennis infrastructure planning project seeking \$40,000 (excluding GST), with a local contribution of \$20,000 (excluding GST), made up of a Council contribution of up to \$15,000 (excluding GST) and a \$5,000 (excluding GST) contribution from Tennis Victoria.*
- 3. Endorses the submission of an application to the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Community Facilities Stream for the Western Reserve Netball Pavilion Development project seeking a Victorian Government Grant of \$500,000 (excluding GST), with a local contribution from the Colac Imperials Football Netball Club of up to \$112,896 (excluding GST) cash and volunteer and in-kind contributions of \$108,250.*
- 4. Approves the allocation of up to \$83,334 (excluding GST) as Council's contribution towards the Central Reserve Hockey Fields lighting upgrade project under the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund to be*

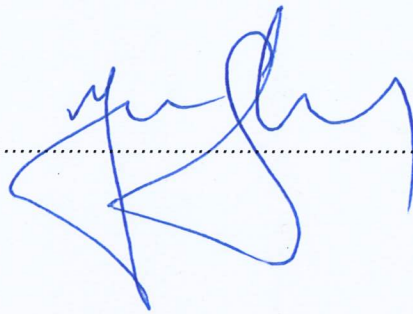
provided from either the 2026-27 Open Space Renewal Program or the Unallocated Asset Renewal Fund if the application is successful.

- 5. Approves the allocation of up to \$15,000 as Council's contribution towards the municipal tennis infrastructure planning project under the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund to be provided from the Unallocated Discretionary Funds if the application is successful.*
- 6. Notes that Colac Imperials Football Netball Club have provided confirmation as part of their project proposal, of their financial and in-kind contributions for the Western Reserve Netball Pavilion Development application under the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund Community Facilities Stream.*
- 7. Notes that Colac Imperials Football Netball Club have agreed to underwrite any cost escalations that may be experienced in delivering the Western Reserve Netball Pavilion Development project and that no financial underwriting of the project is required of Council.*
- 8. Notes that Council is not required to provide a financial contribution towards the Western Reserve Netball Pavilion Development project.*
- 9. Notes that Council will be required to underwrite the Central Reserve Hockey Fields lighting upgrade and the municipal tennis infrastructure planning projects as per standard funding agreement obligations.*
- 10. Notes that Tennis Victoria has confirmed a \$5,000 cash contribution and in-kind support towards the municipal tennis infrastructure planning project.*
- 11. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to submit applications for the endorsed projects to the 2026–27 Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.*
- 12. Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to enter into funding agreements as required should the applications for the endorsed projects be successful.*

CARRIED 6 : 0

The meeting was declared closed at 1.51pm

CONFIRMED AND SIGNED at the meeting held on 28 July 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke, positioned above a dotted line.

MAYOR