



Council Meeting

Notification of changes to Upcoming Council Meetings

At the August meeting, Council resolved to reschedule the September Submissions Committee meeting and Planning Committee meeting (if there are matters to be heard) as follows:

Submissions Committee meeting

Date: Rescheduled from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to Tuesday 16 September 2025
Time: 3pm
Venue: COPACC (95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

Planning Committee meeting

Date: Rescheduled from Tuesday 9 September 2025 to Tuesday 16 September 2025
Time: 1pm
Venue: COPACC (95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

An Unscheduled Council meeting has been set as follows:

Unscheduled Council meeting

Date: Tuesday 14 October
Time: 2pm
Venue: COPACC (95-97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

The purpose of the Unscheduled Council meeting is to consider:

- Council Plan (inclusive of Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan)
- Financial Plan
- Asset Plan

October Council meeting

The October Council meeting will be held in Apollo Bay.

Date: Tuesday 28 October 2025
Time: 1pm
Venue: Apollo Bay Bowls Club (6 Moore Street, Apollo Bay)



Have Your Say

The following community consultations are now open. Visit our website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more information.

Draft Governance Rules

Council has reviewed its Governance Rules and is now seeking feedback for the community.

Closes at 5pm on Tuesday 7 October 2025.

Community Award Categories

Community members are encouraged to provide feedback on proposed new award categories for the Colac Otway Shire Community Awards.

Closes at 5pm on Monday 29 September 2025.



We're Recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- **Coordinator Financial Accounting**
- **Customer Service Officer**
- **Maternal and Child Health Administration Support**
- **Project Manager**
- **Bluewater Leisure Officer**

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9400.



Primary Producer Support Payment Program

Colac Otway Shire Council is offering direct financial relief for local farmers through the Primary Producer Support Payment Program, part of the Victorian Government's Drought Support Package.

What's Happening?

Properties classified as 'Rural Farm' within the Colac Otway Shire will automatically receive a one-off 40% credit on their 2025-26 Council Rates, covering both their General Rates and Municipal Charge.

No Application Needed!

If your property is assessed as 'Rural Farm', the 40% credit will automatically appear on your rates notice as: "Primary Producer Support Payment - Rates Credit"

Rates notices for the 2025-26 financial year are in the process of being sent out to the community.

Why This Matters

This one-off support, totalling over \$2.8 million in Colac Otway Shire, recognises the impact of prolonged drought conditions on farmers and aims to ease financial pressure on our farming community.

Need More Info?

- Eligible ratepayers will receive direct correspondence via mail or email.
- For questions, contact our Rates team at (03) 5232 9400 or email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au