



Have Your Say

The following community consultation is now open.

Draft Council Budget 2026-2027

Help Colac Otway Shire Council develop the 2026-2027 Council Budget.

The budget guides how Council allocates funds toward services, operations and community projects in Colac Otway.

Consultation is happening earlier than previous years so residents' ideas can be better understood in the process from the start.

Submissions close Friday 30 January 2026.

Visit our website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more information.



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!

- **Quality and Compliance Officer (Ageing Well)**
- **Clinical Coordinator (Ageing Well)**
- **Administration Support**

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



Waste Services

Additional Recycling Services

Council is offering WEEKLY yellow bin collections (for hard plastics, aluminium/steel and paper cardboard recycling) through to the end of January.

FREE GLASS DISPOSAL

Council is offering FREE glass disposal at our Transfer Stations in Apollo Bay, Alvie, Birregurra and at our Drop-off Facilities at Beech Forest, Carlisle River, Gellibrand and Lavers Hill during January 2026.

Visit Council's website to download the GoodSort App for waste collection calendars and other information.



Australia Day 2026

Celebrate Australia Day at the Cressy Aerodrome on Monday 26 January 2026, where community, heritage and adventure come together for a day of celebration.

Date: Monday 26 January 2026

Time: Starting at 10am

Location: Cressy Aerodrome - 175 Aerodrome Road, Cressy

Highlights include a Citizenship Ceremony welcoming new Australians to the Colac Otway Shire, a celebration of Community Award recipients, live music, historical displays and a range of food and drink options.

Return buses will be running from Colac's Memorial Square out to Cressy all day.



Council Meetings in 2026

Please note the schedule of Council meetings for 2026 adopted by Council at the November 2025 meeting.

Council meetings are held at 1pm Tuesdays (unless otherwise advertised), are open to the public, and are live-streamed through the Council's YouTube channel.

Planning Committee meetings are held at 1pm and Submissions Committee meetings are held at 2pm (unless otherwise advertised).

Meetings are generally held at Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre. Twice a year Council schedules meetings in Apollo Bay and these will be advertised in advance.

Please note:

- There will be no Submissions Committee meeting on February 10.
- The Council Meeting on February 10 will commence at 2pm.
- The Council Meeting on November 17 is for the sole purpose of electing a Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

| Month | Council Meeting | Planning Committee | Submission Hearing Committee |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| February | 10/2/2026 24/2/2026 | 10/02/2026 | 10/02/2026 |
| March | 24/03/2026 | 10/03/2026 | 10/03/2026 |
| April | 28/04/2026 | 14/04/2026 | 14/04/2026 |
| May | 26/05/2026 | 12/05/2026 | 12/05/2026 |
| June | 23/06/2026 | 9/06/2026 | 9/06/2026 |
| July | 28/07/2026 | 14/07/2026 | 14/07/2026 |
| August | 25/08/2026 | 11/08/2026 | 11/08/2026 |
| September | 22/09/2026 | 8/09/2026 | 8/09/2026 |
| October | 13/10/2026 27/10/2026 | 13/10/2026 | 13/10/2026 |
| November | 17/11/2026 24/11/2026 | 10/11/2026 | 10/11/2026 |
| December | 8/12/2026 | 8/12/2026 | 8/12/2026 |