



Have Your Say and Expressions of Interest

2026-27 Draft Council Budget

Each year Councillors and Council officers work together to prepare an annual budget. This document shows how council rates will be spent on providing services to the community and keeping our public places safe and welcoming.

Council is now seeking feedback from our community on the Draft 2026-27 Budget.

Submissions close Wednesday 27 May 2026.

Draft Road Safety Strategy

This Draft Road Safety Strategy aims to facilitate the improvement of road safety for all road users within Colac Otway Shire by defining an action plan for the next 10 years.

The strategy will form part of Council's suite of documents including the Road Management Plan.

Council is now seeking feedback from our community on the Draft Road Safety Strategy.

Submissions close at 5pm Wednesday 10 June 2026.

Draft Asset Management Policy

The purpose of the Asset Management Policy is to set out the basis on which Council manages the assets in its care to enable relevant, effective and sustainable delivery of services to the community in alignment with the 2050 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-2029.

Council is now seeking feedback from our community on the Draft Asset Management Policy.

Submissions close Wednesday 10 June 2026.

Expression of Interest (EOI) to Host Australia Day Event - 2027

Council invites community groups, service clubs, businesses and not for profit organisations to submit an Expression of Interest to host a community event for Australia Day 2027.

We are seeking hosts to coordinate welcoming, inclusive, family friendly activities that reflect the diversity and values of our region.

EOIs are now open, closing 30 June 2026.

Successful applicants announced August 2026.

All EOIs are subject to planning and permit requirements. Applicants are encouraged to engage with Council's Place Activation and Events Team early in the EOI process.

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



Road Works - Conns Lane, Birregurra

Council is currently undertaking road safety improvement works on Conns Lane, Birregurra.

Works will include installation of new signage, line marking and rumble strips approaching the Cape Otway Road intersection, Birregurra Creek Bridge and Barwon River Bridge.

Following these works, traffic flow at both bridges will be permanently reconfigured to Give Way arrangements to improve safety and manage vehicle priority across these narrow structures.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve road safety in the area.



Council Meetings

Planning Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2026

Time: 1pm

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

The purpose of the Planning Committee Meeting will be to consider:

- PP118/2025-1, 4-6 Woods Street, Colac - Use and Development of Land for a Childcare Centre

Submissions Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 12 May 2026

Time: 1.30pm

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

The purpose of the Submissions Committee Meeting will be to consider:

- Colac Otway Shire Football (Soccer) Facilities Feasibility Study

- PP124/2024-1, 365 Mooleric Road, Ombersley - Stone Pressing Facility

Meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend.

A copy of the meeting agenda will be available on Council's website on Thursday 7 May 2026 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

The meetings will be livestreamed to the public via Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com). Only those who have lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission can address the meetings.



We're Recruiting

Council has the following employment opportunities currently available for application:

- **Bluewater Leisure Officer**
- **Coordinator Financial Accounting**
- **Workplace Health & Safety Business Partner**
- **Economic Development Officer**
- **Multipurpose Officer/Plant Operator (Street Sweeper)**
- **Multipurpose Officer Parks & Gardens/Plant Operator (Apollo Bay)**
- **Enterprise IT Architect**

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/careers or contact People and Culture..



Memorial Square Footpath Rehabilitation Works

Council is planning to undertake asphalt footpath rehabilitation works at Memorial Square to enhance safety and accessibility for park users.

Scope of Works

- Vertical realignment of the bluestone edging at selected areas to address tripping hazards.
- Asphalt overlay of existing asphalt footpath.

No major excavation is planned, and all works will follow the existing footpath layout.

Works are expected to commence 7 May 2026 (subject to suitable weather conditions).