



Council Meeting

The April 2021 Council meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 28 April 2021, 4pm at COPACC, Gellibrand Street Colac.

Agenda items include:

- Council's Carbon Neutral Target - Residual Greenhouse Emissions - Offsetting Options & Future Emissions Reduction Projects
- Preparation of 2021/22 Draft Budget - Endorse for Exhibition
- Planning Scheme Amendment C109cola - 10 Drapers Road Colac East

Council meetings are livestreamed on Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Please note, in line with current COVIDSafe Settings, attendees will be required to scan in using the COPACC electronic record keeping system for contact tracing purposes.

Copies of the agenda will be available today on Council's website.

Colac Otway 2050 Community Vision - Gathering a Vision for the Future

Thank you to everyone who contributed via the recent engagement toward the Colac Otway 2050 Community Vision. We heard from approximately 1,000 people from our community.



People were encouraged to complete the survey via social media posts with links to the survey, drop-in sessions around the shire, online sessions, and adverts in the Colac Herald and local newsletters.

Results Snapshot

When asked what people's top three priorities were to include in a 2050 Community Vision, the top three responses were:

- Protect the environment and address living more sustainably
- Plan for our future
- Look after our local community

The community was asked what they are most proud of. 71% of responses related to community, quoting 'community spirit, sense of community, community connections/connectedness, response to COVID, ability to come together, and friendliness'.

When asked what makes Colac Otway Shire unique, 80% of responses related to our beautiful and pristine natural environment, and our great location being close to beaches, forest, big cities, farmlands and local industries.

The community was asked what we could do better to create a positive future. The top 5 responses (in order of priority) related to:

- Environment - protecting the environment, reducing energy use, and supporting a change to renewables
- Plan for sustainable population growth
- Infrastructure investment - maintain roads and footpaths, and infrastructure for walking, cycling and public transport
- Community health and wellbeing support
- Town presentation improvement

A panel of community members will begin considering the feedback received through the community engagement process. To get the full picture of what we heard through the survey, to see what the panel will be considering and next steps in the process, visit Council's website.

Anzac Day

On Sunday 25 April we, along with Australians around the country, will gather to remember the service men and women who answered the call to serve our country in the First World War. Anzac Day has grown to become one of the most important national days to recognise the contribution of men and women defending our nation in war, and peace keeping across the globe.

On Anzac Day we do not celebrate or glorify war - we celebrate the Anzac spirit and our goal for a peaceful world.

For information on services taking place across Colac Otway Shire please visit the Upcoming Events page on Council's website.

Lest we forget.



Leaf Collection

A very warm thank you to our great community who've been raking and piling leaves for collection on their nature-strips in Colac. You're doing such a great job that the contractor will be doing an extra run each week to keep up with falling leaves and piles to be collected. Thank you!



Community Conversations - Cressy

Colac Otway Shire Councillors and staff will be visiting Cressy next month for an informal meeting with the Cressy community.

When: Wednesday 19 May at 5.45pm

Where: Cressy Bowling Club

Come along and have a chat about what you love about Cressy and what we might be able to do better - all welcome. Contact Council to RSVP at inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or call 5232 9400.

Pet Registrations

Annual pet registrations were due for renewal on 10 April - registering your furry family members with Council helps us to reunite you quickly if your pets wander away from home.

Avoid a \$330 fine (per unregistered pet) by making your pet registration payment online at Council's website or in person at a Customer Service Centre.



Buy Local - Together We Are Colac Otway

We're spoiled for choice when it comes to fantastic local produce and providers in Colac Otway. Mother's Day coming up is the perfect opportunity to book a table at one of our fantastic local eateries or shop local for a unique gift. We're all in this together Colac Otway!

