

Planning Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Colac Otway Shire Council Planning Committee is scheduled for:

Date: Wednesday 8 December 2021

Time: 2pm

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

In response to current COVID-19 requirements as directed by the Chief Health Officer, all attendees aged 16 and over must be fully vaccinated and show their vaccination status as a condition of entry to COPACC. Patrons will be required to enter COPACC via the main entrance (all abilities access from Gellibrand Street), where they will be required to register and show proof of vaccination.

The Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com)

Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 3 December at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Community Consultation - Councillor Code of Conduct

At the Council meeting on 24 November 2021, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to seek public comment on the Councillor Code of Conduct.

The *Local Government Act 2020 (Act)* requires Council to develop and maintain a Councillor Code of Conduct (Code) that includes the standards of conduct expected to be observed by councillors that are prescribed in the *Local Government (Governance and Integrity) Regulations 2020*. A Code may also include any other matters which the Council considers appropriate.

The existing Code was adopted by Council on 24 February 2021. The Council resolution also stipulated that there be a review of the Code (to begin within nine months of the resolution being passed), with consideration to be given for public input.

From today (Friday 26 November 2021), copies of the Councillor Code of Conduct will be available:

- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.
- Online via Council's website.

Submissions regarding the Councillor Code of Conduct must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 14 January 2022 via:

- Email to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or
- Mail to Councillor Code of Conduct Consultation, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Any person who makes a submission may request to speak to their written submission at a meeting of the Submissions Committee (date to be determined).

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Councillor Code of Conduct at a future Council meeting.

If no submissions/feedback is received, the Councillor Code of Conduct will remain unchanged without further resolution of Council.

Community Consultation - Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules

At the Council meeting on 24 November 2021, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to seek public comment on the Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules.

At its scheduled meeting held on 26 August 2020, Council adopted the Governance Rules and Public Transparency Policy in accordance with the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020*.

Council also:

- Noted its previous resolution of 24 June 2020, recommending that the Governance Rules be reviewed within 12 months of adoption, with Council to consider a report in April 2021 in relation to commencing a review.
- Resolved at the 26 August 2020 meeting, that the Public Transparency Policy be reviewed within 12 months of adoption, with Council to consider a report in April 2021 in relation to commencing a review.

From today (Friday 26 November 2021), copies of the Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules will be available:

- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.
- Online via Council's website.

Submissions regarding the Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 14 January 2022 via:

- Email to inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or
- Mail to Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules Consultation, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Any person who makes a submission may request to speak to their written submission at a meeting of the Submissions Committee (date to be determined).

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules at a future Council meeting.

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Colac Civic, Health and Rail Precinct Project Plan - online survey closing today

Council recently ran vision workshops for the Colac Civic, Health and Rail Precinct Project Plan.

We asked the question: What would you like to see in the Colac Civic, Health and Rail Precinct? Some of the suggestions included:

- An outdoor performance space
- A food and wine trail
- A new farmers market destination
- Higher density housing
- Well lit walking paths
- Public bike/scooter hire
- Native and edible gardens
- EV charging stations

What would you like to see in the revitalised Colac Civic, Health and Rail Precinct?

Now is your chance to have your say by filling in the survey as Council produce the Plan.

Visit Council's website and search 'Have Your Say'. The survey closes today, Friday 26 November.

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!

- **Customer Service & Tourism Officer - Apollo Bay**
- **OH&S and Risk Officer**
- **Duty Manager - Bluewater Leisure Centre**
- **Customer Relations Assistants - Bluewater Leisure Centre**

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9529.

Immunisation Sessions

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the Senior Citizens Centre (4 Whelan Street).

Thursday 2 December, 10.30am - 11.30am
Monday 20 December, 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Social distancing measures will be in place, hand sanitiser will be provided and only one parent/guardian should accompany a child into the session. People should not attend the session if they or their child is unwell.

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases.

For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website for more information.



Good Sort App

Have you downloaded the GoodSort App for Colac Otway Shire waste collection services?

This easy-to-use App will help you to never miss bin night again, as well as helping you know if there are service changes or delays.

There's also an easy recycling guide to help you to Be a Good Sort.

The GoodSort App is now available for Android and iPhone devices, visit Council's website for more info and links to download the App. If you would like assistance accessing the App, please contact Council on 5232 9400.

Green Waste Skips - Wye River and Kennett River - extended for another week

The skips for green waste (only) which are located at Wye River and Kennett River will be in place for an additional week to assist residents to clean-up their property in preparation for fire season.

- **Kennett River skip in place until Thursday 2 December**
- **Wye River skip in place until Friday 3 December**

Please note, skips are for lighter green waste. Heavier green waste (large branches, cut trees) should be taken to the Apollo Bay Transfer Station.

The green waste skips are located at:

- 1A The Boulevard Wye River (opposite the CFA shed)**
- 15A Great Ocean Rd Kennett River (carpark area)**

