



## Council meeting

**The May Council meeting will be held on:**

**Date:** Wednesday 25 May 2022

**Time:** 4pm

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

**Agenda items include:**

- Hillview Planning Scheme Amendment Request
- Draft Apollo Bay, Skenes Creek and Marengo Community Infrastructure Plan
- Asset Management Strategy and Policy

Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).

Copies of the agenda will be available today, Friday 20 May at Council's website.



## National Volunteers Week

**This week we celebrate and thank all of the fabulous volunteers at Colac Otway Shire Council who support our community and all the groups throughout the shire who give their time to improve the lives of others.**

Norma Copeland is one of our wonderful volunteers at Colac Otway Shire Council, delivering meals on wheels in the community. Her parents started volunteering in 1980, when they moved the family to Colac from Wyelangta near Laver's Hill.

When her father passed away, she gave her mum a hand and has continued to volunteer with her own children and remembers when the meals were delivered by bus on Saturdays and all the kids would come along and run the meals into the homes as well. She now helps out every second Monday with her sister.

*"It's nice to have a chat with the people we're delivering meals to and know someone is checking on them each day," said Norma. "They all like the meals - there's a main meal, a vegetable dish, a soup, a dessert and a fruit puree. They're delivered cold to be heated up when ready."*

*"It's also a safety check and sometimes we've found people who have had falls and need more help than a hot meal," said Norma. "When you go home at the end of the day, you feel really good that you've done something to help."*

If you'd like to become a volunteer, or know someone who might like to, there's information on our website about how to become involved, please visit Council's website for more information.



## Have Your Say

**There are a number of important items out on exhibition and open for community comment, including:**

- Draft Committees Policy (closes today, Friday 20 May)
- 2022-23 Draft Budget including the 2022-23 Draft Fees and Charges (closes 3 June)
- Draft Asset Plan (closes Friday 3 June)
- Domestic Wastewater Management Plan (closes 24 June)

To view the documents and make a submission, visit Council's website and click the Have Your Say link from the homepage.



## 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!

**- Bluewater Swim School Instructor**

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



## Event Planning Workshops

**Join Rachella Thomas, owner of award-winning event agency, Event Kit, and e-commerce store, Event Planning Templates, as you learn how to setup your event the right way to ensure it is a success!**

In this two-part series, Rachella will provide advice and guidance to help you make an enjoyable event that runs as smoothly, as it is safe. It doesn't matter how big or small your event is, or how much experience you have in event planning, you can create a great event with the right tips, tools and resources.

**Workshop 1 - Event Planning Basics - The Fundamentals to Make Events Better and Easier**

**Date:** 23 May 2022

**Where:** Meeting rooms 1 & 2 - COPACC

**When:** 6pm - 7.30pm

**Workshop 2 - Creating Safe Events - What Does Best Practice Look Like?**

**Date:** 7 June 2022

**Where:** Meeting rooms 1 & 2 - COPACC

**When:** 6pm - 7.30pm

For more information and to register for workshops, please visit Council's website: and search 'event workshops'.

The workshops are funded through the Victorian State Government Regional Recovery Fund.



## Local Laws and Community Safety - Pound Road office

**Please note that the Colac Otway Shire Local Laws office at Pound Road, Colac is currently open by appointment only.**

Please contact Council to arrange a suitable time to visit this facility.



## Colac Botanical Gardens - closed to vehicle traffic

**Please note, the Colac Botanical Gardens will remain closed to vehicle traffic up to Monday 6 June as Council continues a program to encourage the Grey-headed Flying Foxes to roost in more robust trees in the Gardens. Pedestrian access has re-opened as normal.**

Closures have been deemed necessary to ensure community safety and for the welfare of the Flying Foxes. Council apologies for any inconvenience caused by closures. More information on the program can be found on Council's website.

