

Council meeting

A Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 9 November 2022

Time: 4pm

Venue: COPACC, 95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac

The purpose of the Council meeting is to consider the:

- Term and election of the Mayor
- Term and election of the Deputy Mayor

The meeting will be livestreamed to the public via 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. Copies of the agenda will be available today, Friday 4 November at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Notice of Submissions Committee of Council meeting

A Submissions Committee of Council will meet (as detailed below) to consider submissions for Colac Otway Shire Council's:

- Apollo Bay, Marengo, Skenes Creek Community Infrastructure Plan

Date: Wednesday 16 November 2022

Time: 4pm

Venue: The Project Space, 1 - 3 Nelson Street, Apollo Bay

If you have made a submission, and wish to speak to it, please contact Council by 5pm Monday 14 November via email at inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or mail to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Speaking to a submission must be in-person (or via a representative) as we're unable to facilitate dial-in or online submissions. Only those who lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission are able to participate in the meeting.

Copies of the meeting agenda will be available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au Friday 11 November 2022.

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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!

- **Community Care Worker**
- **Bluewater Duty Manager**
- **Information Technical Officer - Infrastructure Systems**
- **Development Engineer**
- **Infrastructure Engineer**

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

Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan - Community Engagement

Colac Otway Shire in partnership with Regional Development Victoria (RDV) and Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) are working to prepare a plan for the development of the Deans Creek growth area, at the western edge of Colac.

Council is seeking our community's views, to assist in developing a vision for the future urban area. The following are opportunities to be involved:

Drop-In Information Session to find out details of the Plan

(open to landowners and residents of the Deans Creek Growth Area)

When: Monday 7 November 2022 from 5.30pm (drop-in any time between 5.30pm - 7.00pm)

Where: COPACC Civic Hall

Pitching Sessions

(open to landowners of the Deans Creek Growth Area to discuss initial ideas, proposals or implications)

When: Monday 5 December (by appointment)

Where: Please contact Council on 5232 9400 to make an appointment and for venue arrangements

Online survey open to all community members

You are invited to participate in a survey, which is open until 16 December 2022.

Scan the QR code with your smart phone to access the survey or visit Council's website and search 'Deans Creek PSP Project'.



Pet for adoption

'Coco' is a beautiful female Husky who is six years old - she's not great with cats or chickens, so she's best suited to a home where she'll be the only pet.

She's fairly small-framed for a Husky and has been vet-checked and is in good health. Coco is really friendly but will need a bit of training, she's vaccinated and microchipped, but will need to be desexed before going to her new home.

If you'd like to meet Coco or find out more, contact our Local Laws team on 5232 9400.

Coco's microchip no: 956000005792769

Colac Otway Shire Council source no: BR101258



Join Council's Community Care team

Meet Dylan Gravett, a community care worker with Council since 2018 after he completed his nine-month Certificate III in Individual Support at South West TAFE.

"I was on holiday in Hawaii when I received the call from Council for an interview," remembers Dylan, who grew up in Camperdown. "It was the first time I'd applied for a fulltime job, so I wasn't expecting it. I thought I would end up in disability support, but this job suits me perfectly because I ended up really enjoying the aged care side of the job as well."

His day starts around 8am when he visits clients to help with the personal care side of his role, including helping them out of bed and to get dressed and ready for the day with breakfast and any medications. In the afternoon, he mostly helps his clients with housework, takes them shopping or to appointments. He also offers respite to other carers, such as the husband or wife, to give them a break in their day.

"I have a few favourite clients who make me feel I'm part of their family - they treat me like a grandson or son," said Dylan. "I just love going there and find out all about their lives."

He visits between 6-10 clients per day and travels between townships, which could be out in the bush and down roads he wouldn't otherwise get to see.

"Some of the properties are really beautiful with nice views and I go to places like Birregurra, Beeac, Borongarook, Gellibrand and Forrest," said Dylan. "I like the travel aspect of the job and finding new places. It's also good to be moving around all day and getting a drive through a country road to clear my mind in between clients."

When he's not working, he has a love of travelling near and far. Locally, his favourite place to visit is to the Redwoods or Hopetoun Falls and his favourite town is Lorne. Further afield, he'd like to return for the fourth time to the USA and would like to do a European tour. He also enjoys visiting Melbourne for the weekend to soak up the city atmosphere and events.

Being a community care worker has influenced other parts of his life and he appreciates being young and healthy, realising that unexpected things such as health issues or disabilities can happen to anyone at any time. On the flip side, he also sees that growing older can be looked at in a positive way and that there are lots of good things about ageing.

"I love the social side of the job and meeting new people, hearing their stories and just having conversations - I could talk all day long," said Dylan. "It's also nice to know I'm helping someone to stay at home where they want to be. It feels really important to their life and that's very rewarding."

He's keen to stay in the industry for the foreseeable future, saying: "I can't see myself doing anything else, I just love it."

Visit Council's employment page to view the Community Care Worker position description and to apply.

