

Community News





Planning Committee meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 7 December 2022

Time: 4pm

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

Planning Committee meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Only those who lodged a submission and have requested to speak to their submission are able to participate in the meeting.

The Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at

Copies of the meeting agenda will be available at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au from Friday 2 December 2022.



Keep Colac Otway Safe

As Victoria is in a new COVID wave, we encourage everyone with symptoms to complete a rapid antigen test, particularly if you're visiting someone vulnerable or going to a gathering where there will a large group of people.

Report your positive test result, free support and COVID medicines are available to those who are eligible.

https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/report-your-rapid-antigen-test-result

Continue to be COVID-Safe, wear a mask in indoor settings, hold a get together in a well ventilated space and stay up to date with vaccinations.





Green waste skip bin trial

From Thursday 1 December until Monday 19 December a skip for green waste drop-off will be offered to residents of Lavers Hill/Beech Forest and Forrest to help with bushfire preparedness.

Skip bin locations:

- 2 4 Main Road, Beech Forest
- 47 Grant Street, Forrest

Deposited green waste will be chipped and composted, please don't use the skip to dispose of other material (including domestic waste) as that will contaminate this process.

Skip bins for green waste have been trialled in other small, bushfire-prone communities along the coast and hinterland. So far this year, the Wye River community has deposited approximately 5 tonne of green waste and approximately 2.5 tonne has been deposited by the Kennett River community with no waste contamination in either of the skips. Another fantastic effort by these communities!



Have Your Say - Development Plan -Irrewillipe Road / Aireys Street, Elliminyt

At the Council meeting on 23 November 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to place the revised Development Plan - Irrewillipe Road / Aireys Street, Elliminyt on exhibition for the public to provide feedback.

Copies of the revised Development Plan are available:

- Online via Council's website
- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday)

Submissions regarding the revised Development Plan must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Thursday 22 December 2022 to:

- Email to ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au or
- Mail to Development Plan Irrewillipe Road / Aireys Street, Elliminyt, 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 an upcoming Council meeting (date to be determined).

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Development Plan - Irrewillipe Road / Aireys Street, Elliminyt at a future Council meeting.



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:

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'.





Children's Week Event

Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate Children's Week at Eastern Reserve!

The event was scheduled to take place in October, however due to wet weather it was postponed, so it was wonderful to finally get together yesterday for lots of fun.

Children who came along got up close to a reptile, played games, had fun doing craft activities and listened to Captain Adam read stories.

Colac Otway Shire Council in partnership with Barwon Child Youth and Family, Colac Area Health and Department of Education and Training organised the fun-filled day to celebrate children and highlight the importance of every child's right to a standard of living that supports their health and wellbeing and healthy development.









