



## Council meeting

The May Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 24 May 2023

**Time:** 4pm

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

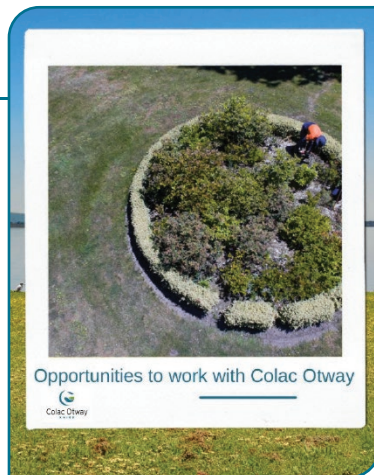
Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The Council meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)). Copies of the agenda will be available today, Friday 19 May at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

## We're recruiting

If you're interested in working alongside your community, engaging in local projects and helping to make Colac Otway the great place it is, work with us! For current employment opportunities visit Council's website. We're currently recruiting:

- **Bluewater Swim School Instructor (closes 22/5/23)**
- **Multipurpose Officer Parks & Gardens (closes 23/5/23)**
- **Bluewater Duty Manager (closes 30/5/23)**

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 5232 9529.



## Social Media and Content Marketing workshop

Learn more about reaching your customers, curating and creating content for social media to market your business at a FREE Social Media and Content Marketing workshop.

**When:** Thursday 25 May, 6pm - 9pm

**Where:** Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC), 95-97 Gellibrand St, Colac VIC 3250

**Cost:** FREE

**The topics to be covered include:**

- Fundamentals of social media
- Choosing the right platform for your target market
- Creating a Google Business Profile
- Curating and creating content for your online business
- Creating a social media and content plan
- Understand where to go for additional resources

To take advantage of this FREE Business Support Opportunity, please register.

Visit Council's website for the link to register, search for 'business workshop'.



## IDAHOBIT

**On Wednesday 17 May, Councillors and staff at Colac Otway recognised IDAHOBIT (International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Intersexism and Transphobia) with the flying of the rainbow flag at the Rae Street offices.**

Council is proud to demonstrate our allyship with our LGBTQIA+ communities, and take a stand against discrimination.

## Community Care Review

**At its meeting on Wednesday 3 May 2023, Council resolved to proceed with next steps in conducting a Best Value Review of Council's aged and disability services.**

The Commonwealth Government has announced a new national system for aged care that will be implemented from 1 July 2025. The new system will introduce significant changes that have the potential to impact Council's capacity to deliver high quality aged and disability services to the community.

The Best Value Review will report on Council's delivery of home and community care services to assist older people, those recovering from acute care and people with disabilities to continue to live independently in the community, including the Commonwealth Home Support Program and Home and Community Care for Younger People Program.

Council endorsed the outcomes, objectives and governance arrangements outlined in the Best Value Review Project Plan, as published in the Council meeting agenda, and will proceed with the process of appointing an external consultant to ensure Council has the necessary information to make a decision at the conclusion of the review.

Consultation with the community will be a critical part of the process of the Best Value Review. It is important for Council to get the views and thoughts of staff, clients and family members, to ensure a fully informed review. A range of opportunities will be provided for people to have their say during the process.

Further information will be provided on how the community can access those opportunities.

For more information, and to view the Review Project Plan and Unscheduled Council meeting report, please visit Council's website.

A report on the Best Value Review, including all feedback collected during the consultation period, will be presented at a future Council meeting.

## Have Your Say

**Council has the following projects and initiatives currently on exhibition with the community invited to provide feedback:**

- Elliminyt Wetlands Project (closes today Friday 19 May)
- 2023-24 Draft Budget and proposed fees and charges (closes Monday 5 June)

For more information, and to make a submission visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations)