



Submissions Committee meeting

Cancellation | 14 February

The Submissions Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 February 2024 has been cancelled. Please see the Planning Committee meeting item for information on submissions to be heard by Council



Planning Committee meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 14 February 2024

Time: 4pm

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

Planning Committee meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome

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

Copies of the meeting agenda will be available Friday 9 February 2024 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Victorian Government's Tiny Towns Fund

Applications are open for the Victorian Government's new fund, **Tiny Towns - supporting projects for small communities with up to 5,000 people.**

From hiking trails to community hall upgrades, to gallery fit outs, communities can apply for funding to support a range of projects that will make locals in Colac Otway's small towns even prouder to call your town home.

Please note, some applications may require landowner's consent from Colac Otway Shire Council. To ensure you meet the Tiny Towns grant deadline, please submit your request to Council as soon as possible. Please contact Council's Grants Officer on 5232 9400 or email ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au

To find out more on the fund and to apply for grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000 visit: www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund



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!

- Graduate Engineer
- Coordinator Local Laws
- Community Care Worker (Qualified) Casual
- Community Care Worker (Unqualified) Casual

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact Human Resources on (03) 5232 9400.



Donaldson Street Playspace Upgrade

Thanks to everyone who provided your thoughts and ideas on the upgrade to the Donaldson Street Playspace in Colac.

From your feedback, we've developed a 'concept design', which is a map of what could go where when the park is upgraded. We've also put together an 'image board' which has lots of equipment you told us you might like.

Come along to a community event next Wednesday to have a chat about what you like, what you don't like and if you think something's missing.

When: Wednesday 7 February

Time: 4pm - 5.15pm

Where: Donaldson Street Park

You can also view the documents and provide your feedback on Council's website.

Submissions close at 5pm Friday 9 February.



Welcome New Australian Citizens!

On Friday, we welcomed 12 new Australian citizens to Colac Otway Shire at a Citizenship Ceremony at COPACC.

Congratulations! We're very proud you've chosen Colac Otway to call home.



Community Satisfaction Survey

Council would like to inform residents that from 29 January through to mid-March, your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

National Field Services has been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Council. Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils. The survey has been designed to assess the performance of the Colac Otway Shire Council across a range of measures to identify ways to provide improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

The survey will involve 400 interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

We appreciate you taking the time to assist us with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with the Colac Otway Shire Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Council's Customer Service Centre on (03) 5232 9400.



Reminder 2023 - 2024 Rates Payments Due

Please note, ratepayers who elected to pay their 2023 - 2024 Council rates by lump sum are reminded the full amount is due to be paid by 15 February 2024.

Ratepayers who have elected to pay their 2023 - 2024 rates by the quarterly instalment are reminded the third quarterly instalment is due to be paid by 28 February 2024.

Ratepayers who have not activated the quarterly instalment option, but would like to pay by instalment (to allow extra time to pay) are asked to contact Council's Rates and Revenue department by calling 5232 9400.

Ratepayers experiencing financial difficulty should also contact Council's Rates and Revenue department to discuss payment arrangements.



Have Your Say - Preparation of Council Budget 2024 - 2025

Community members are invited to share your views on what you would like to prioritise in the 2024-25 Council budget.

In this first round of engagement with the community there are two ways you can share your views:

- Which service areas do you think should be made a priority in this Budget?

- What initiatives do you think should be considered for inclusion in this Budget?

To provide your feedback, visit Council's website at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or email ing@colacotway.vic.gov.au or send a written submission via post to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Please provide your feedback before 5pm, Tuesday 20 February 2024.



Forest Street Pavement Rehabilitation (Wallace Street to Colanda Street), Colac

Contract 2416

Council would like to invite submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to complete road rehabilitation works including pavement rehabilitation of the existing pavement to provide a mechanically stabilised subbase, sub soil drainage, asphalt base layer and an asphalt wearing course.

A copy of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 28 February 2024. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

Anne Howard
Chief Executive Officer