

# **Community** News



### 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)

The meeting will hear submission on the following item: 28 Hesse Street, Colac - Childcare Centre, Signage and Associated Works

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 You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at <u>www.youtube.com</u>). Copies of the meeting agenda will be available today, Friday 9 February 2024 at <u>www.colacotway.vic.gov.au</u>





# Donaldson Street Playspace Upgrade

Thanks to everyone who came along to our drop-in session at Donaldson Street Park. You provided us with great feedback on the 'concept design' and 'image board' of equipment that you told us you might like in the upgrade of the playspace.

Feedback is still open, but closes at 5pm today (Friday 9 February) - visit Council's website and head to the Have Your Say section for designs, images and to make a submission.



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# Have Your Say - Preparation of Council Budget 2024-25

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 <u>www.colacotway.vic.gov.au</u> or email <u>inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au</u> or via post to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

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

# 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 2023. 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.

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



## **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.



# 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!

- Community Care Worker (Qualified) Casual
- Community Care Worker (Unqualified) Casual
   Multipurpose Officer/Plant Operation (Apollo Bay)
- Senior Project Manager
- Emergency Management Administrator
- School Crossing Supervisor (Part Time)
- School Crossing Supervisor (Casual)
- For a position description and to apply only

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



**Council's Good Sort App recently cracked the 5,000 downloads mark! Well done Colac Otway and thanks to all our residents who have downloaded the App so far.** The list of what waste goes into which bin has been viewed 94,335 times, which shows our Colac Otway community is keen to get it right on bin night and put the right waste in the right bin.

This is a great result as the more waste we can divert from landfill the better. It also shows us you're conscientious about ensuring you don't contaminate the recycling stream by putting the wrong material in recycle bins.

The dashboard in the App is a handy tool which tells you when your next bin collection is and also which bins to put out. The dashboard has received 231,070 views! If you haven't downloaded the App, visit Council's website, it has these handy tools and you can also set a reminder so you get an alert to your phone on bin night. Great work Colac Otway community, thanks for being a Good Sort!

# **Tenders and Contracts**



Queen Street and Wilson Street Intersection - Raised Pedestrian Platforms

#### Contract 2414

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to construct four (4) raised pedestrian platforms at the roundabout of Queen Street and Wilson Street and include construction of concrete islands, line marking and signage.



**Bluewater Pool Tile Replacement** 

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Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to renew/replace the pool edge tiles and grates around Bluewater Leisure Centre 25m pool including the toddler pool.

A copy of both tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at <a href="https://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway">www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway</a>

Both tenders listed close at 2pm, Wednesday 6 March 2024. Submissions may be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

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