



## Council meeting

The February Council meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 28 February 2024

**Time:** 4pm

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

Copies of the agenda will be available 23 February 2024 at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au). Council meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. Council meetings are livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)).



## 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!

- **Multipurpose Officer/Plant Operation (Apollo Bay)**
- **Senior Project Manager**
- **Emergency Management Administrator**
- **School Crossing Supervisor**
- **Environmental Health Officer**

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 (03) 5232 9400.



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

There are a few more days to have your say on preparation of the 2024-25 Council budget, with closing date for submissions Tuesday 20 February at 5pm.

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](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or email [info@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:info@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or via post to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.



## Colac Otway Youth Art Workshops with GavArt

**Council is pleased to provide young people in the shire with the opportunity to participate in an upcoming art workshop led by local artist Gavan Serle (GavArt).**

As part of the workshop Gavan will help young artists prepare their own unique canvas for entry in the upcoming Colac Otway Arts Trail Showcase and Exhibition this April. This is a chance to elevate your artistic skills and showcase your work in a local exhibition.

**Where:** Colac Makers' Space - 99a Gellibrand Street, Colac

**When:** The Friday 1 March session is booked out, spaces available for Friday 8 March 4pm - 6pm

**Who:** Young people aged 12 - 25 years, ideal for beginners

**Cost:** Free with all workshop materials provided.

Places in the workshop are limited, please register to secure your spot.

<https://colacotwayshireyouthartworkshops.eventbrite.com.au> or visit Council's Youth Services page on the Colac Otway Shire Council website for more information,

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## Expression of Interest - 69 McLachlan Street Apollo Bay

**Council invites Expressions of Interest from entities that wish to take ownership of the property at 69 McLachlan Street, Apollo Bay (former Apollo Bay Kindergarten) to ensure future and ongoing community use of the property.**

Submitters must be, or propose to be, an eligible entity under SECT 116 of *The Local Government Act 2020* (transfer, exchange or lease of land without consideration), being:

- the Crown; or
- a Minister; or
- any public body; or
- the trustees appointed under any Act to be held on trust for public or municipal purposes; or
- a public hospital within the meaning of the Health Services Act 1988 or other hospital carried on by an association or society otherwise than for profit or gain to the members of the association or society.

A copy of the Expression of Interest document can be downloaded from Council's e-procure website at [www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway](http://www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway)

The Expression of Interest process closes at 2pm (AEST) on 22 March 2024.

Submissions may be lodged through the e-procure portal only. Late, posted or emailed Expression of Interest submissions will not be considered.

**Anne Howard**  
Chief Executive



## 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 was 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 Rates and Revenue department to discuss payment arrangements.



## Cressy Water Tower Mural

**Congratulations to all involved in the making of the Cressy Water Tower Mural - a great community team effort that is now a wonderful feature in Colac Otway Shire.**

Colac Otway Shire Council is very proud to support this local project.

