



May Council Meeting

At the monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, the meeting agenda included a range of items for Councillor discussion, including:

- An update on status of traffic management measures recommended for Conns Lane, Birregurra to address community concerns about road safety.
- Contract awarded to deliver the construction phase of the Elliminyt Wetlands Project. This is a significant project for the Colac Otway region and will support the release of much-needed, new residential land. This project is funded in part by a \$3-million grant from Regional Development Victoria's Regional Infrastructure Fund.
- The Draft Birregurra Structure Plan 2025 was endorsed for exhibition for the community to provide feedback (exhibition of the draft will commence in June through July 2025).
- Acknowledgement of the Municipal Monitor's report, noting recommendations highlighting the importance of continuing professional development for the maintenance of governance improvements. Council's response to the recommendations puts forward a positive and proactive plan for addressing matters raised.
- A resolution was passed to extend Acting Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Andrew Tenni's tenure until such time as a new CEO is appointed and commences in the role.

To view the entire Council Meeting Agenda and Unconfirmed Minutes, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



Adoption of the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29

Following a period of public consultation, Council adopted the Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-29 at the May Council meeting on Tuesday 27 May 2025.

To view the Plan, visit Council's website.



Council Meetings

Planning Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10 June 2025
Time: 1pm
Venue: COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

The purpose of the Planning Committee of Council meeting will be to consider submissions to:

- PP205/2024-1 - 378-386 Murray Street Colac - Construction of a Convenience Restaurant (Hungry Jacks), Signage and Alteration of Access

Submissions Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 10 June 2025
Time: 3pm
Venue: COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

The purpose of the Submissions Committee of Council meeting will be to consider submissions to:

- PP250/2024-1 - 480 Warrowie Road Irrewarra - Subdivision (Excision) of an Existing Dwelling in Farming Zone
- Submissions to the Draft Budget 2025-26 and Draft Fees and Charges for 2025-26
- PP226/2024-1 - 25 Whytcross Lane Birregurra - Use and development of the land for a dwelling

Only those who have lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission can address the meetings. Copies of the meeting agendas will be available on Thursday 5 June 2025 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Committee meetings are open to the public and interested people are welcome to attend. The meetings will be livestreamed to the public via Council's You Tube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at www.youtube.com).



Have Your Say

2025-26 Draft Council Budget and Fees and Charges

The 2025-26 Draft Council Budget and Fees and Charges are now on public exhibition for feedback from our community.

Anyone wishing to speak to their submission at the June Submissions Committee Meeting must indicate this on their submission.

Submissions will close at 5pm on Thursday 5 June 2025.

Colac Civic Health and Rail Precinct Plan

Council is seeking feedback from stakeholders, community groups and individuals on the vision for the Colac Civic, Health and Rail Precinct Plan.

In 2022, Council conducted high level consultation with the community and stakeholders. Recently, the project was paused to address some challenges and revise the project scope. Now, the draft Precinct Plan, informed by your feedback, is ready for your comments.

Submissions will close at 5pm on Friday 13 June 2025.

2025-29 Draft Road Management Plan

The 2025-29 Draft Road Management Plan has been endorsed for public exhibition and Council is now seeking feedback from our community.

Anyone wishing to speak to their submission at the July Submissions Committee Meeting must indicate this on their submission.

Apollo Bay Drop-in Session

Date: Wednesday 4 June 2025
Time: 2pm - 4pm
Venue: Apollo Bay Bowls Club - 6 Moore Street Apollo Bay

Submissions will close at 5pm on Friday 27 June 2025.

To view any projects, initiatives or draft plans currently on public exhibition, open for community feedback, please visit Council's website <https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Community-Consultations>



Seasonal Road Closures

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with the provisions of Section 207 and Clause 7 of Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989, the following roads will be closed to traffic engaged in all kinds of cartage of:

Timber, firewood, sand, gravel and other road making materials.

Such traffic on the roads listed below will be stopped from 1 June 2025 to 31 October 2025, both dates inclusive, unless with the written consent of the General Manager Infrastructure and Operations.

Adams Road	Aire Settlement Road
Amiets Track	Barham River Road
Barramunga-Roadknight Road	Birregurra-Yeodene Road
Benwerrin-Mt Sabine Road	Boundary Road
Buchanan Street	Bull Hill Road
Burrupa Road (Lavers Hill-Cobden Road & Gellibrand River, Ferrari's Bridge)	
Campiglis Road	Carlisle Valley Road
Carlisle-Gellibrand Road	Colac Tree Road
Creamery Road	Denherts Track
Devondale Road	Donaldsons Access
Egans Track	Escarpment Road
Frys Road	Ganes Access
Gellibrand East Road	Gellibrand Valley Road
Goldhole Road	Griffins Road
Hargreaves Access	Harveys Track
Hendricksons Track	Hiders Access
Hoveys Road	Jacksons Track
James Access	Kawarren East Road
Kents Access	Kents Road (Forrest)
Killala Road	Lardners Track
Larsons Road (Tomahawk Creek)	Lyness Access
Macdonalds Road	McDonald's Access
McPaddens Road	Melanesia Track
Minchintons Access	Moomowroong Road
Mulgrew Access	Neck Track
Old Bay Road	Old Beech Forest Road
Old Ocean Road (Glenaire)	Old Ocean Road (Yuulong)
Old Lardner Track	Pipeline Road (Forrest)
Pipeline Road (Irrewillipe)	Ridge Road
Roadknight Creek Road	Rowlands Road
Sand Pit Road	Sayers Track
Silks Access	Skenes Creek Valley Road
Sunnyside Road	Tin Dish Road
Tomahawk Creek Road	Tuckers Orchard Road
Upper Gellibrand River Road	Wait-A-While Road
Wickhams Lane	Wild Dog Road
Wonga Road	Yaugher Road



We're Recruiting

Colac Otway Shire Council is an exciting place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative council, and making a difference to your local community, we would love to hear from you!

- **Customer Service Officer**
- **Bluewater Leisure Officer**

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



Youth Art Exhibition

We've had an awesome response to the 2025 Youth Art Competition and the winners of the competition will be announced at an award ceremony on 20 June 2025.

The exhibition is on display at the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC) and will remain open to the public until 22 June 2025.

The community is invited to get involved through the People's Choice Award. Votes can be cast online via the Council's website and Facebook page, or in person at the exhibition.

To view the online gallery and vote online for your favourite artwork visit our website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/artcompgallery