



Council Plan - Community Engagement

Help Shape Colac Otway's Future - 2025-2029 Council Plan

Community members across Colac Otway Shire will have an exciting opportunity to be part of setting its strategic direction and priorities over the next four years.

Council will seek input from the local community in development of the Council Plan 2025-2029.

Ways you can be involved:

Take the survey!

A community survey is now open www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/getinvolved

The survey is expected to take about 15 minutes to complete. Each eligible participant who completes the survey can opt to go into the draw to win one of ten prizes.

(Hard copies of the survey are also available from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay).

Post or Email your ideas to Council

Any community member is welcome to provide their thoughts and ideas in letter or email format direct to Council.

Email: inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au

Post correspondence to:

Council Plan
PO Box 283
COLAC VIC 3250

Drop-in sessions

There will also be drop-in sessions where members of the community can provide feedback to contribute to the plan. Drop-in sessions will be held at:

Where: Carlisle River Public Hall,
35 Gellibrand River Road, Carlisle River

When: Tuesday 11 March, 6pm - 8pm

Where: Lavers Hill Hall, 43 - 47 Great Ocean Road,
Lavers Hill

When: Wednesday 12 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Pop-up stations

In addition, Colac Otway will have Council Plan pop-up stations at key shire events in March so keep a watch out for where you will find Colac Otway Shire seeking your views and ideas.

Where: Colac Regional Saleyards - Store Sale

When: Friday 7 March, 10am - 12pm

Where: Apollo Bay Market, Great Ocean Road,
Apollo Bay foreshore

When: Saturday 8 March, (time to be confirmed)

Where: Birregurra Sunday Market at the Birregurra
Park

When: Sunday 9 March, (time to be confirmed)

Where: Kana Festival, Colac Showgrounds,
54 Chapel Street, Colac

When: Saturday 15 March, 11am - 1pm

Online Community Workshops

The Online Community Workshops will be delivered via Zoom and run for 1.5 hours.

Please visit Council's website for meeting links.

Community members will have the opportunity to provide their feedback during these online sessions.

Workshop	Dates	Times
Session Three	Wednesday 12 March	7pm - 8.30pm
Session Four	Thursday 13 March	7pm - 8.30pm



We're Recruiting

Council is currently recruiting:

- Finance Support Officer
- Bluewater Childcare Assistant
- Coordinator Statutory Planning
- Manager Program Delivery

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

Provision of Trade Services - General Maintenance, Electrical, Plumbing, Painting, Carpentry, Locksmith & HVAC Services.

RFT 2508

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for the provision of trade services across Colac Otway Shire's buildings, infrastructure and assets.

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

Tenders close at 2pm, Wednesday 12 March 2025. Submissions must be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

Anne Howard
Chief Executive Officer



Council Meeting

Planning Committee Meeting Cancellation | 11 March 2025

The Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11 March 2025 has been cancelled.

There are no planning matters to be determined by the Committee at this time.

Submissions Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday 11 March 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:

- 5650 Great Ocean Road, Wongarra. Use of development of land for a dwelling and associated works, removal of native vegetation and creation of an access to Transport Zone 2.

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 6 March 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)



Colac Otway Shire Grant Program 2025-26

Applications Now Open

The Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2025-26 provides grants to assist funding projects and events that benefit the wider community.

A total pool of \$311,500* is available through three funding streams:

- Community Grants
- Events Grants
- Business Grants

*(subject to budget approval)

Applications open 9am on Friday 28 February 2025 and close 5pm on Friday 11 April 2025.

View the Guidelines and apply online through Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2025/26'

For assistance and to register for an information session, contact Council's Grants Officer on email: grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au or (03) 5232 9400

