



## Planning Committee meeting

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

**Date:** Wednesday 9 March 2022  
**Time:** 4pm  
**Venue:** COPACC (95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac)

In response to current COVID-19 requirements all attendees over the age of 12 must be fully vaccinated and show their vaccination status as a condition of entry to COPACC. Patrons will be required to enter COPACC via the main entrance (all abilities access from Gellibrand Street), where they will be required to register and show proof of vaccination.

The Planning Committee meeting will be livestreamed to the public via Council's YouTube channel (search Colac Otway Shire Council at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com))

Copies of the agenda will be available today, Friday 4 March at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)



## Community Consultation, Draft 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy

At the Council meeting on 23 February 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to retain the current rating categories and differentials and approved the draft 2022-25 Rating Strategy for the purpose of public consultation.

**From today (Friday 25 February 2022), copies of the draft 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy will be available:**

- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.
- Online via Council's website.

**Submissions regarding the 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 25 March 2022 via:**

- Email to [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or
- Mail to 2022 - 25 Rating Strategy Consultation, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Any person who makes a submission may request to speak to their written submission at a meeting of the Submissions Committee (date to be determined).

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final 2022 -25 Rating Strategy at a future Council meeting.



## Community Consultation, revised Community Engagement Policy

At the Council meeting on 23 February 2022, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to approve the revised Community Engagement policy for the purpose of public consultation.

**From today (Friday 25 February 2022), copies of the revised Community Engagement Policy will be available:**

- For inspection at Council's Rae Street office between 8.30am and 5pm (Monday to Friday) and at Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC) between 9am and 5pm.
- Online via Council's website.

**Submissions regarding the revised Community Engagement Policy must be made in writing and received no later than close of business Friday 8 April 2022 via:**

- Email to [inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au) or
- Mail to Community Engagement Policy Consultation, Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac, VIC 3250.

Any person who makes a submission may request to speak to their written submission at a meeting of the Submissions Committee (date to be determined).

Council will consider any submission prior to the adoption of the final Community Engagement Policy at a future Council meeting.



## Council funding opportunities 2022 - 23

Colac Otway Shire's Grants Program provides an opportunity for a wide range of organisations and small businesses to share in funding for a variety of projects and events that benefit the wider community and help in achieving goals and outcomes consistent with Council's objectives.

All categories require a matching contribution via cash or in-kind from the applicant on a dollar for dollar basis.

**A total pool of \$311,500 is available for the 2022 - 23 Grants Program from five funding categories:**

- Community Grants Program
- Community Events & Support Program
- Small Grants Program
- Building Façade Improvement Program (Business)
- Small Business Environmental Sustainability Program

### How to apply

The Guidelines, FAQs, Help sheets and the online application form is available at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) under 'Apply for a Grant, Colac Otway Shire Grants Program 2022/2023'.

Applications open Monday 28 February 2022 and close 5pm on Friday 8 April 2022.

Funding announcements are expected to be made at the end of June.

Please contact Council's Grants Officer on (03) 5232 9400 or [grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@colacotway.vic.gov.au) for assistance and further information.



## Emergency works - Armstrong and Moore Street intersection

**Emergency works are currently underway at the intersection of Armstrong and Moore Streets in Colac following a stormwater main leaking under the road surface, creating subsidence.**

Due to the extent of the subsidence and potential risk to the public, the intersection will be closed for at least a week, or until works are complete. Please avoid the area where possible and seek an alternative route.

Council thanks the public for their patience while these unplanned works are completed in response to the emergency. For further information, please contact customer service on 5232 9400.



## Bridge works underway

Colac Otway Shire Council advises the following bridge works are programmed to be undertaken:

**Location:** Barongarook Creek Reserve at the Murray Street public toilets and carpark area opposite the Barongarook Gardens Aged Care Home.

**Works:** Construction of a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over Barongarook Creek and bridge approach footpaths connecting to the existing Barongarook Creek footpaths.

**Duration:** Work is scheduled to commence Monday 14 February 2022 with works expected to be completed in April 2022 (subject to favourable weather conditions).

Thank you for your cooperation while these important works are completed.

For further information and changes to the shared path and traffic/parking changes, please visit Council's website or contact us on 5232 9400.

This project is being funded by the Australian Federal Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



## Childhood Immunisation Sessions

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday in Apollo Bay at the newly completed Apollo Bay Kindergarten building, located at the Apollo Bay P-12 College site on Pengilly Avenue.

Upcoming immunisation sessions in Colac are:

**Thursday 3 March, 10.30am - 11.30am**  
**Monday 21 March, 2.30pm - 4.30pm**

People should not attend the session if they or their child is unwell. Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases. Patrons will be required to enter COPACC via the main entrance (all abilities access from Gellibrand Street), where they will be required to register and show proof of vaccination. For enquiries please contact Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit on 5232 9429 or visit Council's website for more information.



## Notice of Fireworks Display

**Colac Otway Shire Council has been notified a fireworks display is to take place at the Colac Showgrounds on Saturday 26 February between 9.15pm and 9.45pm.**

Please ensure pets are secured in a clear area and not able to escape from their yards if the display causes fright.



## Clean Up Australia Day 2022

**Disposable face-masks don't belong in the environment and we're calling on volunteers to help us remove and tally them on Clean Up Australia Day!**

Colac Otway Shire Council are hosting a community Clean Up, and we encourage you to sign up and come along.

**When:** Sunday 6 March 10.30am - 12pm

**Where:** Apollo Bay Harbour and foreshore area

To register to attend, please visit Council's website and click on the Upcoming Events page.