

# Community News





#### Submissions Committee of Council meeting

A Submissions Committee of Council will meet (as detailed below) to consider submissions for Colac Otway Shire Council's:

- 2023-24 Draft Budget and proposed fees and charges - Public Submissions

Date: Wednesday 14 June 2023

Time: 4pm

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

Only those who lodged submissions and have requested to speak to their submission can address the meeting. Copies of the meeting agenda will be available Friday 9 June 2023 at <u>www.colacotway.vic.gov.au</u>

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 <a href="https://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a>)



#### Planning Committee meeting

#### Cancellation | 14 June 2023

The Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 June 2023 has been cancelled. There are no planning matters to be determined by the Committee at this



#### 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

For current employment opportunities visit Council's website. We're currently recruiting:

• Environment & Sustainability Officer (closes 6 June 2023)

For a position description and to apply online, visit <u>www.colacotway.vic.gov.au</u> or contact Human Resources on 5232 9529.







# Have Your Say on Council's Draft **Environmental Sustainability Strategy** and Draft Climate Change Action Plan

Council acknowledges its communities are facing a global climate change and biodiversity crisis, one that requires urgent action by all levels of government, including local councils.

The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033 will be Council's roadmap to guide its actions for the next ten years to ensure that we protect and enhance our environment and take appropriate action to mitigate and adapt to a changing climate and create resilient and sustainable communities.



The draft Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2023-2033 and draft Climate Change Action Plan have been developed in consultation with the community, businesses, stakeholders and agencies from across the municipality.

Interested community members are encouraged to visit Council's website to complete an online survey - or make a submission as per options listed under the Have Your Say item on this page.

Submissions close at 5pm Friday 7 July 2023.



# **Have Your Say**

Council has the following projects and initiatives currently on exhibition with the community invited to provide feedback:

- 2023-24 Draft Budget and Proposed Fees and Charges (closes this Monday 5 June at 5pm)
- Events Policy Review
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy and Climate Change Action Plan

Online: Visit Council's website and click 'Have Your Say' from the homepage.

Written submissions should be addressed to Colac Otway Shire Council,

PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

Submissions may also be sent by email to <a href="mailto:inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au">inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au</a> with the subject line of the project or initiative you're providing feedback on.

Please state in your written submission if you wish to be heard at an upcoming Submissions Committee meeting.

Submitters should note that unless a submitter requests to the contrary, copies of submissions (including the submitter's name) may also be included in the Council meeting agenda, which are a permanent public record, and published on Council's website for an indefinite period.



# Reconciliation Week

This year's Reconciliation Week Theme - Be a Voice for Generations - encourages all Australians to be a voice for Reconciliation, where we live, work and socialise, so that we can create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all. On Wednesday, Council hosted a Reconciliation Week event at COPACC.



Welcome to Country and a Smoking Ceremony was conducted along with the official launch of an exhibition of a shire wide colouring competition. Many beautiful entries were received - our thanks to Gerard Black for the artwork which local children brought to life with their colouring. Gerard and Ebony Hickey had the difficult task of judging the colouring competition among many great entries. The winning entries have been printed on flags flying in Murray Street, Colac during Reconciliation Week. Designs have also been printed on giant stickers that are on display in Murray Street and Council buildings. Congratulations to the prize winners, and thank you to everyone who submitted an entry.

The exhibition is open to the public, 9am to 4pm weekdays at COPACC through to June 14 (please note, access to the exhibit won't be available June 4 and 5 and June 8, 9 and 10).



### World Environment Day

Council's Environment Department is proud to sponsor Junklandia, a World Environment Day event at COPACC.



In the hands of the Junklandians, ordinary recycled materials are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and forgotten junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways! Book tickets at www.copacc.com.au



# **Annual Pet Registrations**

A friendly reminder that annual pet registrations were due for renewal on 10 April, Council officers will soon be conducting checks that pets are registered.

Avoid a \$370 fine and register your pet. Registering your furry family members with Council helps us to reunite you quickly if your pets wander away from home.

Payments can be made online at Council's website (you'll need your pet registration letter), you can also register your new cat or dog using our online eServices portal or let us know if you and your pets have moved house. Pet registrations can also be made in person at Council's Customer Service Centres.



#### **Council's Online Services**

Connect with Council from wherever you are, at any time via Council's online services.

There's a range of ways to contact us or conduct your Council business online through our website.

- Update your details. If you've moved house recently. you can update us with your new contact details easily online.
- Submit a request, tell us about an issue or report a problem.
- Register a new pet cat or dog.

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