



Council meeting

The September Council meeting will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 27 September 2023

Time: 4pm

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

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

Copies of the agenda will be available Friday 22 September 2023 at www.colacotway.vic.gov.au



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! For current employment opportunities visit Council's website.

- **Financial Accountant**
- **Emergency Management Officer - Fire Awareness**
- **Administrative Relief Staff**
- **Coordinator Older Persons and Ability Support Services**
- **Fleet and Workshop Administration Officer**
- **Statutory Planner**
- **Manager Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC)**
- **Community Care Worker**

For a position description and to apply online, visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au or contact People and Culture on 5232 9529.



Have Your Say

Council has the following projects and initiatives open for community feedback:

- **Survey to assist future planning for childcare services**
- **Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) Community Reference Group - EOI**
- **Proposed Cat Confinement Order**
- **Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan**
- **Best Value Review of Council's Aged and Disability Services**

For further information and to provide your feedback, visit Council's website and click Have Your Say from the homepage.



Proposed Cat Confinement Order - Have Your Say

CAT CONFINEMENT ORDER NO.1 OF COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COUNCIL DOMESTIC ANIMALS ACT 1994

Section 26(2)

At its Council Meeting held on 23 August 2023, Colac Otway Shire Council resolved to make the following order under Section 25 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994 ("the Act").

1. Purpose
The purpose of this Order is to keep cats confined between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
2. Owner's Obligations
The owner of any cat kept in the municipal district must confine the cat to the boundaries of the owner's property between the hours of sunset and sunrise, by either confining the cat to:
 - 2.1 the owner's dwelling or another building on the property; or
 - 2.2 an escape-proof structure located outside any dwelling or other building on the property.
3. Meaning of Terms Used

In this Order:

"hours of sunset and sunrise" means from 6pm to 6am;

"municipal district" means the municipal district of Colac Otway Shire Council; and

"owner" has the same meaning as in the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

Submissions

Email: Submissions may be made by email to inquiry@colacotway.vic.gov.au with the subject line 'Cat Confinement Order'.

Post: Written submissions should be addressed to Colac Otway Shire Council, PO Box 283, Colac VIC 3250.

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.

Submissions close at 5pm Wednesday 27 September 2023.

Anne Howard
Chief Executive Officer



Free Youth Smartphone Photo Workshop

Colac Otway Shire Council, in collaboration with Engage! and VicHealth, is thrilled to announce the launch of our exciting FREE Youth Digital Photography Workshops for people aged between 12 and 25.

These workshops are specially designed to ignite your creativity and empower you to express yourself through the art of photography using modern technology.

Join us in one of our upcoming photography workshops led by local professional photographers, Amber Nosedo from Apollo Bay and Tammy Brown from Colac.

In conjunction with the Colac Otway Shire's (soon to be released) photography competition, "Connectivity: Capturing the Threads That Bind Us," Amber and Tammy will impart their knowledge on how to take awesome shots with your smart devices.

Apollo Bay

When: Tuesday 26 September, 10am - 12pm

Where: 23 Ramsden Avenue

Colac

When: Thursday 28 September, 10am - 12pm

Where: Colac Central Reserve Pavilion, 32-40 Gravesend Street

BYO fully charged smartphone, tablet, iPad and water bottle. Healthy fruit snacks provided.

For further details, contact youth@colacotway.vic.gov.au or register your place in the workshop via Council's website, click Upcoming Events from the homepage.



Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) Community Reference Group - Expression of Interest

Colac Otway Shire Council is planning for Colac's population growth over the next few decades and will develop a structure plan to guide future land use, development and infrastructure within the Deans Creek Precinct Structure Plan (PSP) area at the western edge of Colac/Elliminyt.

Council invites you to apply to be part of the Community Reference Group (CRG) to help shape the plan. We welcome your contribution to this important project.

The Community Reference Group will be made up of around 26 adult members of the community whose primary place of residence is Colac and represent various age groups. The group will also include representation from the Aboriginal community to provide Indigenous perspectives.

Landowners within the Deans Creek PSP area cannot form part of the Community Reference Group to avoid conflicts of interest.

Please visit the Colac Otway Shire website to find out how to express interest in joining the CRG, and to find out more about the project and group. You can scan the code with your phone for a direct link to the website and application form.

Applications close Sunday 1 October 2023. Alternatively, please call Council on 5232 9400 and mention the Deans Creek PSP project or visit our Customer Service Centre at 2-6 Rae Street, Colac.




Colac Botanic Gardens Masterplan - Have Your Say and Community Drop-in Day

We need your ideas! Colac Botanic Gardens has been a much-loved asset for generations of Colac Otway residents and visitors. We want you to have your say on the future of the Gardens as we develop a Masterplan for the next 10 years. What do you love about the Gardens? What can be improved? What would you like to see included in the plan?

Community Drop-in Day

Drop-in to the Gardens to speak to the project team to find out more information, share your ideas, discuss the possibilities for the future of the Gardens and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

Where: Colac Botanic Gardens

When: Sunday 17 September, anytime between 11am and 1pm

Join us for the Community Drop-in Day or complete the online survey, scan the QR code (right) to visit Council's website.

