



Council Plan 2025-2029

Many Voices, One Vision, Our Strategic Focus

Colac Otway Shire is engaged in an exciting phase of work in developing the Council Plan 2025-2029 that will guide and inform Council's strategic documents and how it delivers the services and infrastructure we know are critical to supporting the social and economic well-being of our community.

How can you be involved?

Community Panel

Today (Friday 28 February) is the **last day to register** your interest to be a part of a community panel to help structure the Council Plan. We're recruiting community members from across the shire to attend three workshops in Colac, Apollo Bay and Forrest. Places are limited, please register your interest by 5pm today. Email councilplan@colacotway.vic.gov.au or visit www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/getinvolved for more information. Registration forms are also available at Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay.

Survey

Complete the community survey - visit Council's website and click Council Plan 2025-2029 from the homepage to access the survey. Hard copies are also

available from Council's Customer Service Centres in Colac and Apollo Bay.

Pop-Up Events

Pop-up stations are taking place at events in the shire. Upcoming pop-ups include:

- Bunnings Colac - Saturday 1 March, 10am - 12pm
- Colac Regional Saleyards - Friday 7 March, 10am - 12pm
- Apollo Bay Foreshore Market - Saturday 8 March, 10am - 12pm
- Kana (Colac Showgrounds) - Saturday 15 March, 11am - 1pm

Drop-in Sessions

Talk to our team at a drop-in session. Upcoming sessions include:

- Cressy Bowling Club - Tuesday 4 March, 6pm - 8pm
- Wye River Surf Life Saving Club - Wednesday 5 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm
- Carlisle River Public hall - Tuesday 11 March, 6pm - 8pm
- Lavers Hill Hall - Wednesday 12 March, 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Focus Groups

Focus Groups on key issues and topics important to the shire with stakeholders from various sectors are taking place. Focus Groups coming up:

- Environment - Tuesday 4 March, 10.30am - 12pm, Colac Central Reserve
- Manufacturing and Large Employers - Tuesday 4 March, 2pm - 3.30pm, COPACC
- Tourism - Wednesday 5 March, 10am - 11.30am, Apollo Bay Bowling Club
- Youth - Wednesday 5 March, 1pm - 2.30pm, Apollo Bay Bowling Club

Please contact Council to enquire about registering for a Focus Group, email, councilplan@colacotway.vic.gov.au or phone (03) 5232 9400.

Online Community Workshops

The online workshops will give community members the opportunity to work with a facilitator on key issues and topics important to the shire alongside others.

- Wednesday 5 March 7pm - 8.30pm
 - Thursday 6 March 7pm - 8.30pm
 - Wednesday 12 March 7pm - 8.30pm
 - Thursday 13 March 7pm - 8.30pm
- Visit Council's website for links to the workshops.



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.

Online information sessions are available:

- Tuesday 4 March 2025 12.30pm
- Tuesday 4 March 2025 5.45pm

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.



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!

- Coordinator Statutory Planning
- Manager Program Delivery
- Executive Officer Governance

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

