



Colac Otway Shire Council Services and Operations over Christmas and New Year

Council's Customer Service Centres

The Colac Customer Service Centre will close at 3pm on Friday 23 December and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 3 January. Customer Service Officers in Apollo Bay will also be on leave from 3pm Friday 23 December to 9am Tuesday 3 January (GORVIC is open 7 days a week for visitor enquiries - closed Christmas Day).

An after-hours phone service will operate for any urgent or animal related matters. Please call 5232 9400.

For any non-urgent matters, please email inq@colacotway.vic.gov.au or submit a request through Council's website.

Maternal and Child Health (MACH) Services

Colac MACH Services will close at 12pm on Friday 23 December and reopen on Tuesday 3 January.

The last MACH session in Apollo Bay will be Monday 19 December. The centre will reopen on Tuesday 3 January.

If you need to speak to a Maternal and Child Health Nurse during the Christmas period, we encourage you to ring the 24-hour Maternal and Child Health Line on 13 22 29. If your baby is unwell please contact your closest medical service.

Bluewater Leisure Centre

Opening hours over Christmas and New Year:

- Friday 23 December, 6am to 7pm
- Saturday 24 December, 8am to 12pm
- Sunday 25 and Monday 26 December - CLOSED (access available for members with 24/7 gym access)
- Tuesday 27 December to Monday 2 January, 10am to 4pm

Normal operating hours resume Tuesday 3 January. For more information on Bluewater, visit www.bluewater.org.au

Older Persons and Ability Support Service (OPASS)

OPASS will close at 3pm Friday 23 December and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 3 January.

Home Care and Community Transport

- The last day for general home care and community transport will be Friday 23 December. These services will recommence Tuesday 3 January.

Personal Care

- Will continue as normal, however a change in time may occur due to staffing during this period.

Meals on Wheels

- Will be delivered (full order) on Friday 23 December and will recommence to normal delivery dates on the 3 January 2023.

Waste Services

Kerbside Collection

There is no change to kerbside collections over Christmas and New Year. Please put your bins out on regular collection days.

Additional Recycling Services

Council is offering WEEKLY yellow bin collections (for hard plastics, aluminium/steel and paper cardboard recycling) commencing just before Christmas, through to the end of January.

- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 2 areas start 19 December through to week beginning 16 January.

- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 1 areas start 26 December through to week beginning 23 January.

To find out your collection days search "When Will My Bin Be Collected" on Council's website or download the GoodSort App - www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Free Glass Disposal

Council is offering FREE glass disposal at our Transfer Stations in Apollo Bay, Alvie, Birregurra, and at our Drop-Off Facilities at Beech Forest, Carlisle River, Gellibrand and Lavers Hill over Christmas and during January.

Transfer Stations

Apollo Bay and Alvie Transfer Stations will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and open every other day from 10am - 2pm.

Drop-Off Facilities

Beech Forest open New Year's Eve and every Saturday in January from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Lavers Hill open New Year's Eve and every Saturday in January from 12pm to 4pm.

Carlisle River closed Christmas Day, open New Year's Day and every Sunday in January from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Gellibrand closed Christmas Day, open New Year's Day and every Sunday in January from 12pm to 3pm.

Colac Regional Saleyards

The last sale of the year will be held on Thursday 15 December. Sales will resume at the Colac Regional Saleyards with the Weaner Sale on 4 January 2023. The first Fat Sale will take place on Thursday 12 January.

COPACC

The COPACC office will be closed from 3pm Friday 23 December to 9am Tuesday 3 January 2023.

For Colac Cinema hours of operation please visit the Colac Cinema Website or call 5232 2077.



Don't forget to bring your bins in

A friendly reminder to bring your bins in after collection.

This is in accordance with Council's Local Law General #2 (131.8).

The occupier of any premises: must not leave the mobile bins out more than one day before or one day after a designated collection day.

Thank you.



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 to live, work and visit, consider working with us!

- **Information Technology Officer - Application Systems**
- **Information Technology Officer - Infrastructure Systems**

For a position description and to apply online, visit Council's website or contact Human Resources on 5232 9529.



Community Awards

Who do you know in our Colac Otway community who deserves recognition for their significant contribution to our shire? Entries are now open for the 2023 Colac Otway Shire Community Awards with residents encouraged to nominate local heroes.

There are three categories for nominations: Community Service Award (individual or group), Young Citizen of the Year Award and Citizen of the Year Award.

For more information, including Award Selection Criteria and entry forms, visit Council's website and search 'Community Awards'.

