

Dear Resident,

Notification of Road Closures - Saturday 28th April 2018.

The annual RACV Great Ocean & Otway Classic Ride will be held on Saturday 28th April and like last year will see road closure. We have included a course map so you can see the times each section of the course will be closed. Residents on the course will still be able to leave and return to your property during the event.

- The Esplanade, Torquay between Beach Road and Gilbert Street will be closed from 5.30am to 9:30am.
- The Esplanade, Torquay between Zeally Bay Road and Gilbert Street will be closed from 9:30am to 5:00pm.
- Section 1 – Avoid the Anglesea Rd from the Bellbrae roundabout to Hendy Main Road
7.00am – 9.15am to minimise your delay.
- Section 2 – Hendy Main Rd to Cape Otway Road Moriac is closed from 7.30am to 10.00am.
- Section 3 – Cape Otway Rd Moriac at Church Rd to Winchelsea- Deans Marsh Rd is closed from 8.00am to 10.30am.
- Section 4 – Cape Otway Rd from Winchelsea – Deans Marsh Rd to Birregurra – Deans Marsh Rd is closed from 8.30am to 11.00am.
- Section 5 – Birregurra – Deans Marsh Rd to Deans Marsh is closed from 8.30am to 12.15pm.
- Section 6 - Deans Marsh – Lorne Rd to Neade St Lorne is closed from 9.00am – 12.30pm. Due to the safety concerns of both cyclists and vehicles, access will not be allowed during these times unless an emergency arises. *Access will be available to Pennyroyal Valley Road from Deans Marsh Gen Store.
- Section 7 – Great Ocean Road from Lorne to Torquay will be open in both directions.

We have enclosed a Resident Access Pass to attach to your windscreen should you wish to leave or return to your property during the road closure of your section of the course. This will allow you onto the course and to be waved through by Police or Traffic Management staff rather be held up or denied access. If you need to leave your property or return to your property, please travel in a clockwise direction (ie. The opposite direction to the cyclists), it will mean you are not caught up with all the cyclists making it safer for all.

We have introduced the road closures to make it safer for both cyclists and motorists. Over the last few years there have been a number of incidents where vehicles have tried to overtake groups of cyclists and endangered themselves and cyclists. It is the through traffic that we will be stopping and redirecting. The event has a limited field of 3,500 cyclists and has become one of Australia's premier recreational rides with over 300 participants coming from interstate and over 20 from overseas. It now attracts approximately \$1 million dollars in economic benefit to the region. There will be numerous static signs and electronic message boards advising of the closures, set up around the course as well as a full page advertisement in Surf Coast Times.

There may still be some slower cyclists on the course after we reopen the roads at the times we have indicated but they will be so spread out they will not cause any issues for motorists. We have also involved Bike Safe to reinforce to all cyclists about correct cycling etiquette such as not riding more than 2 abreast, not discarding rubbish and being courteous to any vehicles on the course.

We will do all that we can to minimise the inconvenience to residents of the Colac Otway Shire and will provide further information to the community.

We thank you for your cooperation and if you have any queries please don't hesitate to call the Event Director on 9595 3000. Please note that whilst you are free to depart or return to your property unassisted, in the case that you would prefer assistance please call 0448 813 433 on event day and we will arrange for a motorbike marshal to assist you.

Kind regards,
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2018 RACV Great Ocean & Otway's Classic Ride Course Map

