



Christmas message from Mayor Marg White

On behalf of Councillors and Council management and staff, I'd like to wish our community a safe and happy festive season.

We look forward to working with our wonderful Colac Otway community in 2024 and to achieving and doing more great things to continue to make this region the fabulous place it is to live, work and visit.

Please also keep in mind the people in your life that might need a little support through the festive season, and be patient and kind to one another. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



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!

- **Coordinator Emergency Management**
- **Coordinator Saleyards Operations**

For a position description and to apply online, visit Council's website or contact our People and Culture team on 5232 9400.



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 22 December and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 2 January. Council's Customer Service Centre in Apollo Bay (located at the Great Ocean Road Visitor Information Centre) will close Christmas Day and open 9am - 5pm all other days.

Council's after-hours phone service operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week 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 via Council's website.

Bluewater Leisure Centre

Opening hours over Christmas and New Year:

Sunday 24 December 8am - 1pm
Monday 25 December - closed
Tuesday 26 December - closed
Wednesday 27 to Saturday 30 December - normal hours of operation
Sunday 31 December 8am - 6pm
Monday 1 January 10am - 4pm
Normal operating hours resume Tuesday 2 January.

For more information on Bluewater, visit www.bluewater.org.au

Colac Regional Saleyards

The last sale of the year was held on Thursday 14 December. Sales will resume at the Colac Regional Saleyards with the Weaner Sale on 3 January. The first Fat Sale will take place on Thursday 11 January.

COPACC

The COPACC office will be closed from 3pm Friday 22 December to 9am Tuesday 2 January.

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

Waste Services

Kerbside Collection

There will be no kerbside bin collection Monday 25 December (Christmas Day) or Monday 1 January (New Year's Day).

ALL kerbside collections during the last week of December and the first week of January will take place the day following your normal collection day. For example, if you normally place bins out Sunday night for a Monday collection, please place bins out Monday night for collection Tuesday.

Additional Recycling Services

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

- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 1 areas start 26 December through to the end January.
- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 2 areas started 18 December through to 26 January.

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 during January.

Transfer Stations

Apollo Bay and Alvie Transfer Stations will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, open every other day from 10am - 2pm. No changes to Birregurra Transfer Station hours of operation.

Drop-Off Facilities

There are no changes to the Council's Drop-Off Facilities, please visit Council's website for days and times of operation.

Visit Council's website to download the GoodSort App for waste collection calendars and other information.

Maternal and Child Health (MACH) Services

Colac MACH Services will close at 12pm on Friday 22 December and reopen on Tuesday 2 January.

The last MACH session in Apollo Bay was Monday 18 December. The centre will reopen on Monday 8 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.

Older Persons and Ability Support Service (OPASS)

OPASS will close at 3pm Friday 22 December and reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 2 January.

Home Care and Community Transport - The last day for general home care and community transport was Thursday 21 December. These services will recommence Tuesday 2 January.

Personal Care - There will be no Personal Care Services operating on 25 December. Other days will continue as normal, however a change in time may occur due to staffing during the holiday period.

Meals on Wheels - Will be delivered (full order) on Friday 22 December and will recommence to normal delivery dates on 2 January.

Colac Visitor Information Centre

The Colac Visitor Information Centre will close Christmas Day and New Year's Day, open 10am - 4pm all other days until 30 January.

