



Merry Christmas

Guide to services during Christmas and New Year 2019 - 2020

The Mayor, Councillors, management and staff would like to thank residents and ratepayers for their support in 2019, and look forward to working with the community in 2020.

Council wishes everyone across the shire a happy and safe festive season.

Customer Service Centres

Colac

The Council office will close at 4pm on Thursday 19 December 2019.

Normal opening hours (8.30am - 5pm) will resume for Monday 23 December 2019.

The Council office will close from 3pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and re-open at 8.30am Thursday 2 January 2020.

Apollo Bay

The Council office will be closed Wednesday 25 December 2019, but will be open 9am to 5pm all other days during the festive season.

In the event of an emergency during the office closure, please call the 24-hour number on 5232 9400.

Bluewater

From Monday 23 December 2019 until Wednesday 1 January 2020 (inclusive), Bluewater will operate on modified hours, please visit www.bluewater.org.au for further details. Bluewater will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Normal Centre hours will resume on Thursday 2 January 2020.

*Patrons who have 24/7 gym access on their membership will be able to access the gym and virtual room during all closures.

Instructor Group Fitness Classes

Group Fitness classes will conclude for the year on Saturday 21 December 2019; a reduced timetable will recommence in the New Year on Monday 6 January 2020. The full Group Fitness timetable will resume 20 January 2020.

Aquatic Group Fitness Classes

Aquatic classes will conclude for the year on Friday 20 December 2019; a reduced timetable will recommence in the New Year on Monday 13 January 2020. The full Aquatic Group Fitness timetable will resume 20 January 2020.

Swim School

Swim School classes will conclude for the year on Saturday 21 December 2019 and recommence in the New Year on Tuesday 28 January 2020.

Childcare

Childcare will conclude for the year on Friday 20 December 2019 and recommence on reduced hours in the New Year on Monday 13 January 2020. The full Childcare program will resume 22 January 2020.

COPACC

The COPACC office will be closed from 3pm on Christmas Eve and will re-open at 8.30am on Thursday 2 January 2020.

Colac Regional Saleyards

The last sale of the year will be held on Thursday 19 December 2019. Sales will resume at the Colac Regional Saleyards as follows:

Weaner sale, 10am on Thursday 2 January 2020

Heifer sale, 10am on Monday 6 January 2020

Normal sales resume 8.30am on Thursday 9 January 2020 (fat sale).

Older Persons and Ability Support Service

The Older Persons and Ability Support Service will close at 3pm Tuesday 24 December 2019 and reopen at 8.30am Thursday 2 January 2020.

Home care - The last day for general home care will be Monday 23 December.

Personal care - Will continue as normal, but a change in time may occur due to reduced staffing during this period.

Respite care - Will be considered upon request. Please contact Council on 5232 9420.

Meals on wheels - Please contact Council on 5232 9420 for delivery days during this period.

Case management - Will continue as normal.

HACC assessments - There will be no assessments during the Christmas/New Year period.

Community transport - The last day for transport will be Monday 23 December 2019.

Property maintenance - Will not be available during the Christmas/New Year period.

To contact our support service while the office is closed, please call 5232 9420.

Waste Management

Kerbside Collections

If your bin is scheduled to be collected on Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 or Friday 27 December - please note, collection will be carried out on the day following your normal collection.

EG. collections normally on Wednesday 25 December will be carried out on Thursday 26 December.

Please refer to the waste calendars on Council's website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

Weekly Recycling

Council will commence weekly recycling collections from Boxing Day - Thursday 26 December, for four weeks. Place your yellow bin out when you place your red bin out.

Transfer Stations

All Transfer Stations closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day
Opening arrangements for individual transfer stations are:

Apollo Bay Transfer Station

Closed: Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Open: Seven days a week (on all other days) from 10am to 2pm, Summer hours operate from Thursday 26 December until Sunday 2 February 2020

Alvie Transfer Station

Closed: Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Open: Thursday 26, Friday 27, and Sunday 29 December 10am - 3pm

Birregurra Transfer Station

Closed: Christmas Day and New Year's Day

Open: Sunday 22 and 29 December 10am-4pm

Drop off collections

Beech Forest will be open Saturday 21 December 2019 and Saturday 4 January 2020 (7.30am to 11.30am).

Lavers Hill will be open Saturday 21 December 2019 and Saturday 4 January 2020 (midday to 4pm).

Carlisle River will be open Sunday 22 December 2019 and Sunday 5 January 2020 (7.30am to 11.30am).

Gellibrand will be open Sunday 22 December 2019 and Sunday 5 January 2020 (midday to 4pm).

Visitor Information Centres

The Visitor Information Centres at Apollo Bay and Colac will be closed on Wednesday 25 December 2019 but will be open from 9am to 5pm all other days during the festive season.

Discover more about the region online at www.visitotways.com or www.visitapollobay.com

Maternal and Child Health Services

Colac

Maternal and Child Health Services (MACH) closes at 12pm on Tuesday 24 December and will re-open on Thursday 2 January 2020. No open session will run on Tuesday 24 December 2019.

Apollo Bay

The last MACH session will be Monday 23 December (by appointment). The centre will re-open on Monday 6 January 2020.

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.

Monthly immunisation sessions in 2020

Monthly immunisation sessions are held on the first Thursday and the third Monday in the month. Sessions are held in the COPACC meeting room (entry via the main entrance).

1ST THURSDAY OF MONTH SESSION TIMES: 10.30 - 11.30AM		
	6 February 2020	5 March 2020
2 April 2020	7 May 2020	4 June 2020
2 July 2020	6 August 2020	3 September 2020
1 October 2020	5 November 2020	3 December 2020
3RD MONDAY OF MONTH SESSION TIMES: 2.30 - 4.30PM		
20 January 2020	17 February 2020	16 March 2020
20 April 2020	18 May 2020	15 June 2020
20 July 2020	17 August 2020	21 September 2020
19 October 2020	16 November 2020	21 December 2020

Immunisation is a simple, safe and effective way of protecting children against certain diseases.

Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Team provides:

- Free immunisation
- No appointment is necessary
- Available after school for secondary school catch-up
- Experienced nurse immunisers who can discuss any questions parents may have there and then
- Next day upload to the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register to ensure continuity of benefit payments and issue of school enrolment certificates.

For enquiries contact:

Colac Otway Shire Immunisation Unit - 03 5232 9429

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