

## COVID-19 Checklist

Following an increase of COVID-19 in the Colac Otway Shire, and around the state, it's time to think about your COVID-19 checklist in preparation for when you or a loved one needs to isolate.

Head to this link: [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/checklist) for tips on what to do to prepare, including:

- Understanding changes to Victoria's isolation rules
- What to do if you test positive to COVID-19
- What to do if you've been told you're a contact of someone with COVID-19
- When and how to use rapid antigen tests
- Managing COVID-19 at home
- Preparing for COVID-19 for families and individuals

Here's another helpful link on managing isolation and tips on staying calm and healthy, as well as who to call for help if you're feeling anxious or uncertain: <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/tips-managing-isolation>



## Council's Online Services

Connect with Council from wherever you are - there's a range of ways to contact us or conduct your Council business online through our website. For example, you can:

- Register your new cat or dog through our online e-Services portal
- Access our library of building and planning forms and checklists
- Report a missed bin collection
- Pay your Council rates, invoice or infringement
- Submit a request to Council



Visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) or call us on 5232 9400 for assistance.

## Traffic management measures installed on roads with landslips

As part of Council's ongoing clean-up work following two severe weather events in September and October, traffic management signage has been installed in Apollo Bay, Skene's Creek, Separation Creek and Wye River. This includes speed reductions to 40 km/hr and barriers to keep vehicles off the edge of the landslips for the safety of road users.

The roads include:

- Binns Road - 2 sites (one at the Great Ocean Road end and one near the Beech Forrest end)
- Killala Road, Apollo Bay
- Barham River Road, Apollo Bay - sites are located towards the end of the road
- Wild Dog Road, Skenes Creek - there are numerous sites
- Morley Avenue, Wye River
- Harrington Street, Separation Creek
- Wallace Street, Wye River

Property owners are still able to access their properties and Council urges drivers to take caution and drive to the conditions on these roads.

Falcon Traffic has been engaged to implement and carry out weekly monitoring of the traffic management signage and residents can call 0499 550 106 if they notice any of the signs are missing or damaged. If residents notice any changes to the landslips or other road related matters, please contact Council on 5232 9400.

## Have Your Say

Colac Otway Shire Council has the following items on display:

- Public Transparency Policy and Governance Rules (on display until Friday 14 January)
- Councillor Code of Conduct (on display until Friday 14 January)
- Combined Amendment C11cola and Planning Permit Application PP219/2020 (on display until Friday 21 January)
- C119cola Erosion Management Amendment (on display until Friday 21 January)

For more information, and to make a submission, visit Council's website, contact Customer Assist on 5232 9400 or call in to our Customer Service Centres in Colac or Apollo Bay.

## Rates Assistance

If you are experiencing financial hardship and having difficulty paying your Rates, please contact Council. We can assist in:

- Setting up direct debit payments
- Setting up a flexible, alternative payment arrangement
- Applying for Rates Financial Assistance
- Putting you in contact with a Financial Counsellor

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## Waste services over January



### Extra recycling collections

Extra yellow bin collections will continue through to the end of January.

The purple 'glass only' collections will continue as normal (once every four weeks).

For waste calendars and collection information, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

### Free glass disposal at Transfer Stations, Drop-Off Facilities and Wye River, Kennett River

This year, we're also offering free disposal of glass at the Alvie, Apollo Bay and Birregurra transfer stations. This also includes the four drop-off facilities at Beech Forest, Carlisle River, Gellibrand and Lavers Hill.

Not forgetting our coastal townships of Wye River and Kennett River, our waste contractors will have a bank of purple wheelie bins for any extra glass that local residents have over January. Locations for the glass bins are 1A The Boulevard, Wye River and 15A Great Ocean Road, Kennett River.

### Drop-Off Facilities - additional operating days over January

**Venue:** Car Park, 15 Main Road, Beech Forest

**Time:** 8.30am - 11.30am

**Collection Day:** Saturday

**Upcoming Collection Dates:** every Saturday through January.

**Venue:** Hall, 43 - 47 Great Ocean Road, Lavers Hill

**Collection Day:** Saturday

**Time:** 12pm - 4pm

**Upcoming Collection Dates:** every Saturday through January.

**Venue:** Hall, 35 Gellibrand River Road, Carlisle River

**Collection Day:** Sunday

**Time:** 8.30am - 11.30am

**Upcoming Collection Dates:** every Sunday through January.

**Venue:** Recreation Reserve, 20 Football Road, Gellibrand

**Collection Day:** Sunday

**Time:** 12pm - 3pm

**Upcoming Collection Dates:** every Sunday through January.

### Transfer stations

The Alvie and Apollo Bay Transfer Stations will open 7 days a week through January, 10am to 2pm.

*Important Updates for Transfer Stations and Drop-off Facility users:*

- Separate glass recycling is now available at transfer stations and drop-off facilities.
- Please note, from 1 January 2022 there will be a new charge for recycling - \$4 for a 240L bin or \$2 for a 120L bin. The charge for disposing of rubbish remains at \$10 for a 240L bin.
- Please note, drop-off facilities will move to cashless from 1 January 2022. Payment may be made by EFTPOS or pre-purchased tip ticket. Tip tickets are available for purchase at Council's Customer Service centres in Colac and Apollo Bay.

### The Good Sort App

Not sure what waste goes in which bin? Download the Good Sort App for a handy list of waste materials and what's accepted in your household waste and recycling bins.

Not sure which bin goes out this week? The App will give you a reminder on bin night with a guide to what bins will be collected along with waste calendar notifications and service changes or delays.

Download the Good Sort App from your App store (or visit Council's website for links), add your address and receive notifications to remind you what bin goes out when.



### Kerbside collections

There are no changes to kerbside collections this year, please put your bins out on your regular collection days.