



## What do Stage Three COVID Restrictions look like for Colac Otway?

**Council/community facilities to close (or remain closed) for six weeks from Thursday August 6, in accordance with State Government Stage 3 COVID Restrictions:**

- Bluewater Leisure Centre
- COPACC (including Colac Cinemas)
- Libraries
- Playgrounds
- Skateparks
- Colac and Apollo Bay Senior Citizen Centres
- Public Halls
- Meredith Park (all caravan parks, camping grounds & accommodation to close)



## COLAC OTWAY SHIRE COVID SUPPORT HOTLINE 5232 9440

Colac Otway Shire residents self-isolating or quarantining due to COVID-19 with no access to food and essential supplies can receive emergency relief packages by contacting the COLAC OTWAY COVID SUPPORT HOTLINE. The hotline operates daily from 8.30am to 5pm.

If you have other support needs, please provide details and we will assist connecting you with the appropriate agencies.



## Rae Street Customer Service Centre - Library Chute closed

Colac Otway Shire Council is unable to accept library books through the chute at Council's Rae Street office, effective immediately. The chute will remain closed until further notice due to the COVID19 situation. We apologise for any inconvenience and will provide an update when we can. Thank you.



## Stage Three Restrictions - Changes to Council Operations

**Colac Customer Service Centre (Rae Street) and Apollo Bay Customer Service Centre (GORVIC)** - Council services will be available online, by phone or email. Appointments can be made to address urgent matters which cannot be dealt with over the phone, email or online.

**School Crossings** - In response to schools moving to online learning, school crossing use will be monitored Thursday and Friday, and after consultation with schools, any with minimal use will be unsupervised until students return to class. An update will be provided to schools and the community.

**Maternal & Child Health** - Maternal and Child Health staff are available for appointments if parents have a concern about their child. Parents who have no immediate concerns for their child can call 5232 9570 to arrange a phone appointment. New parent's groups are being conducted via Zoom, other parents' groups remain on hold.

**Immunisation** - the next immunisation session (August 17 - 2.30 to 4.30pm) will be held at Bluewater.

**Council Meetings** - Council meetings will continue to remain closed to the public and livestreamed via Colac Otway's YouTube channel or listen to the audio recording on the website, which is uploaded as soon as practicable after meetings.

**Where can I exercise?**  
**Tennis Courts** - can remain open, at the discretion of individual clubs and in accordance with COVID restrictions - please observe closure signs.

**Sporting grounds/rec reserves** - can remain open for exercise in accordance with COVID restrictions. (Please avoid Colac Central Reserve which is currently in use as Colac Area Health's COVID Testing Site).

**Walking your dog** - Colac Otway Shire is a fantastic place to walk your dog, wherever you live, but please keep your dog under control and pick up after your pooch so everyone can enjoy their exercise.

**Golf Courses** - Golf Courses can remain open, at the discretion of individual clubs and in accordance with COVID restrictions.



## Connect with Council Online

You can stay home and still connect with Council - there's a range of ways to contact us or conduct your Council business online through our website:

**Submit a request**  
<https://forms.colacotway.vic.gov.au/forms/submit-request>

**Report an issue or concern**  
<https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Council-the-shire/Contact-Us/Report-an-issue>

**Contact us to send us a message**  
<https://forms.colacotway.vic.gov.au/forms/contact-us>

**A range of Council payments can also be made online**  
<https://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/Council-the-shire/Contact-Us/Make-a-Payment>

For more information, visit [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au)

Stay safe Colac Otway! We're all in this together.



## Support Local Business

Support the local businesses who are supporting us through this second phase of lockdown. There are some great small business owners and operators through our Colac Otway community who are working really hard to continue to provide us with amazing goods and services - support them where you can.

Check online for retailers who are offering click and collect or home delivery. Many cafes and restaurants are also keeping us well fed with great takeaway or home delivery. Thanks Colac Otway - We're All In This Together.

## Aged Care Employee Day

Thanks for caring

#ThanksforCaring is the theme of Aged Care Employee Day 2020 (today, Friday 7 August), and there's never been a more important time to honour our aged care workers and volunteers. I would like to sincerely thank Colac Otway Shire's amazing team of aged and community care employees who have worked tirelessly to support our hundreds of clients during this difficult time.

They always perform such a vital role in caring and connecting with our older people and community members with disabilities, and deserve particular recognition for their dedication and resilience while keeping our clients and community safe,

**Peter Brown,**  
Chief Executive,  
Colac Otway Shire Council



## Communities Combating Pests and Weeds Grant

A further round of the Communities Combating Pests and Weeds grant opportunity for spring and early summer 2020 has recently been announced. The grant enables Council to support private property owners across the shire in their efforts to control weeds and rabbits on their properties.

The grant program requires private landowners to contribute a dollar for dollar amount equivalent to what they receive through the grant for works on their land.

For a full list of weed species applicable to the grant funding and to complete an application, please visit Council's website at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) and search for Combating Pests and Weeds Grant Opportunity.

The application submission deadline is Friday 9 October 2020 - however Council strongly encourages interested community members to get their applications in as soon as possible to secure funding and schedule works.

The project is funded by the Australian Government under the Communities Combating Pests and Weed Impacts During Drought Program.

- Rates support • Business Fees Waivered • Business Diversification Grants
- Tourism Marketing • Buy Local Campaign • Arts Project Grants • And More...

Colac Otway Shire is supporting our local business and community affected by COVID19 with a new \$950,000 economic stimulus package.

Learn more about the Colac Otway Business & Community Support Fund at [www.colacotway.vic.gov.au](http://www.colacotway.vic.gov.au) and search for COVID19 Grants and Business Support.

