





Happy New Year

Mayor, Councillors, Management and Staff would like to wish the Colac Otway community a happy and safe New Year and we look forward to working together in 2023.



Services and Operations over the New Year holiday period

Customer Service Centres

The Colac Customer Service Centre will reopen at 8.30am Tuesday 3 January.

Customer Service Centre operations will also resume in Apollo Bay (at GORVIC) from 9am Tuesday 3 January (GORVIC is open 9am to 5pm every day for visitor enquiries).

An after-hours phone service will operate 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 through Council's website.

Waste Services

Kerbside Collection

There is no change to kerbside collections over New Year. Please put your bins out on regular collection days.

Additional Recycling Services

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

- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 2 areas run through to the week beginning 16 January.
- Extra yellow bin collection for Week 1 areas run through to the week beginning 23 January.

To find out your collection days search "When Will My Bin Be Collected" on Council's website or download the GoodSort App - www.colacotway.vic.gov.au

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 through to the end of January.

Transfer Stations

Apollo Bay and Alvie Transfer Stations will be closed New Year's Day, and open every other day from 10am - 2pm.

The Birregurra Transfer Station will be open Saturday 31 December from 10am - 4pm, instead of Sunday during the New Year's Day weekend. It will return to normal days of operation from Sunday 8 January.

Drop-Off Facilities

Beech Forest open New Year's Eve and every Saturday in January from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Lavers Hill open New Year's Eve and every Saturday in January from 12pm - 4pm.

Carlisle River open New Year's Day and every Sunday in January from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Gellibrand open New Year's Day and every Sunday in January from 12pm to 3pm.

For information on all other Council Services and Operations during the holiday season, please visit Council's website.



Council, Planning Committee and Submissions Committee meetings - 2023

All Council and Planning Committee meetings will be held at the Colac Otway Performing Arts and Cultural Centre (COPACC), 95 - 97 Gellibrand Street, Colac and livestreamed, unless otherwise advertised.

At the November 2022 Council meeting, Council resolved to take all reasonable steps to hold at least one meeting every six months at a suitable location in Apollo Bay in 2023.

Council also resolved to approve the scheduling of a Council meeting on Wednesday 8 November 2023 for the sole purpose of the term and election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, and determines that public question time will be restricted to questions relevant to the purpose of the meeting.

February 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 1 February	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday, 8 February	4pm
	Council	Wednesday, 22 February	4pm
March 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 1 March	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 8 March	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 29 March	4pm
April 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 5 April	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 26 April	4pm
May 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 3 May	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 10 May	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 24 May	4pm
June 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 7 June	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 14 June	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 28 June	4pm
July 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 5 July	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 12 July	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 26 July	4pm
August 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 2 August	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 9 August	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 23 August	4pm
September 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday, 6 September	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 13 September	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 27 September	4pm
October 2023	Submissions Committee	Wednesday 4 October	4pm
	Planning Committee	Wednesday 11 October	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 25 October	4pm
November 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 1 November	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 22 November	4pm
December 2023	Planning Committee	Wednesday 6 December	4pm
	Council	Wednesday 13 December	4pm



Council Immunisation Session Dates - 2023

Council's free immunisation sessions are held in Colac on the first Thursday and the third Monday of the month at COPACC and by appointment every Monday (reopening from 4 January 2022) at the Apollo Bay Kindergarten building, located at the Apollo Bay P-12 College site on Pengilly Avenue.

First Thursday of Month		
Session Dates:		Session Times: 10am - 11.30am
5 January 2023	2 February 2023	2 March 2023
6 April 2023	4 May 2023	1 June 2023
6 July 2023	3 August 2023	7 September 2023
5 October 2023	2 November 2023	7 December 2023
Third Monday of Month		
Session Dates:		Session Times: 2.30pm - 4.30pm
16 January 2023	20 February 2023	20 March 2023
17 April 2023	15 May 2023	19 June 2023
17 July 2023	21 August 2023	18 September 2023
16 October 2023	20 November 2023	18 December 2023

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.
- 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.