



Have Your Say

The following community consultation is now open.

Draft Council Budget 2026-2027

Help Colac Otway Shire Council develop the 2026-2027 Council Budget.

The budget guides how Council allocates funds toward services, operations and community projects in Colac Otway.

Consultation is happening earlier than previous years so residents' ideas can be can better understood in the process from the start.

Submissions close Friday 30 January 2026.

Visit our website www.colacotway.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay for more information.



Tenders and Expressions of Interest

Construction of Priority Crossings and Speed Cushions - Colac

Contract 2510

Council invites submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for road upgrade works at Armstrong Street, Hart Street and Pound Road, Colac. A public tender process has been adopted to procure services with submissions received via an online platform (e-procure) for evaluation. The work to be performed under the contract includes the construction of one raised priority crossing in Armstrong Street and Pound Road and construction of four speed cushions at Hart Street and Pound Road intersection.

The tender period opens Friday 12 December 2025 and closes at 5pm, Wednesday 28 January 2026.

Road Reconstruction - Sarsfield Street, Wye River

Colac Otway Shire Council would like to invite submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors for road reconstruction works at Sarsfield Street, Wye River. A public tender process has been adopted to procure services with submissions received via an online platform (e-procure) for evaluation. The work to be performed under the contract includes replacement of the road

pavement, replacing damaged sections of the kerb and channel, formalising road shoulders and the installation of 20m long, new concrete pipe on the northern side of the road. The works will also include implementing no-stopping line marking and signage at narrower sections of the road. The project is to include all necessary works to provide a fit for purpose industry standard road, with a design life of 20 years.

The tender period opens Friday 19 December 2025 and closes at 5pm, Wednesday 4 February 2026.

RFT 2616 - 25/26 Asphalt Overlay Program

Council would like to invite submissions from suitably qualified and experienced contractors to undertake road works for pavement reconstruction and asphalt overlay at the following sites:

- Eurack Road and Mount Hesse Road Intersection
- Bruce Street (near Fuel Station/AKD)
- Carpendeit-Bungador Road and Speedway Road Intersection
- Corangamite Lake Road and Melrose Road Intersection
- Queen Street and Pound Road intersection

The tender period opens Friday 19 December 2025 and closes at 2pm, Wednesday 4 February 2026.

RFT 2612 - Supply and Delivery of Bulk Fuel

Council is seeking to engage a qualified and reliable supplier to provide the following:

- Supply and delivery of bulk diesel fuel to three Council depot locations (Colac, Gellibrand and Apollo Bay).
- Implementation of a fuel management system to monitor individual plant fuel usage.

Provisional Items:

- Supply of three self-bunded fuel tanks (two 5,000-litre and one 10,000-litre self-bunded tanks) each equipped with a delivery system to service heavy fleet, with the option for Council to purchase or lease.

This tender closes at 2pm, Wednesday 28 January 2026.

Copies of the tender documents can be downloaded from Council's website at www.eprocure.com.au/colacotway

Submissions must be lodged in the Electronic Tender Box only. Late, posted or emailed tenders will not be considered.

Andrew Tenni
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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 Wednesday 24 December and reopen at 8.30am Monday 5 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.



Ageing Well

Ageing Well will close at 3pm Wednesday 24 December and reopen at 8.30am Monday 5 January.

There will be no services on Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day) and limited services between Friday 26 December (Boxing Day) and Thursday 1 January (New Years Day)

For urgent matters during the office closure call the Ageing Well office on 5232 9420.



Bluewater Leisure Centre

Opening hours over Christmas and New Year:

Wednesday 24 December	6am - 3pm
Thursday 25 December	CLOSED
Friday 26 December	CLOSED

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER UNTIL TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER - NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday 31 December	6am - 6pm
Thursday 1 January	10am - 4pm

Normal operating hours resume Friday 2 January. There is no change for members with 24/7 access. For more information on Bluewater, visit www.bluewater.org.au



Waste Services

Kerbside Collection

There will be no kerbside bin collection Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day) or Thursday 1 January (New Years Day). Kerbside collections on Thursday 25 December and Friday 26 December, and Thursday 1 January and Friday 2 January will take place on the following day.

Thursday 25 December collections will take place on Friday 26 December.

Friday 26 December collections will take place on Saturday 27 December.

Thursday 1 January collections will take place on Friday 2 January.

Friday 2 January collections will take place on Saturday 3 January.

Additional Recycling Services

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

- Extra yellow bin collection for Week One areas start Monday 22 December through to the end January.
- Extra yellow bin collection for Week Two areas start Monday 29 December through to the end 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 commencing on Monday 29 December through to the end of January 2026.

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.



Colac Regional Saleyards

The last sale of the year will be held on Thursday 18 December.

Sales will resume at the Colac Regional Saleyards with the Weaner Steer Sale on Tuesday 6 January.

The Weaner Heifer Sale will be held on Wednesday 7 January.

The first Fat Sale will take place on Thursday 8 January.



Maternal and Child Health (MACH) Services

Colac MACH Services will close at 12pm on Wednesday 24 December and reopen on Monday 5 January.

The last MACH session in Apollo Bay will be Monday 22 December. The centre will reopen on Monday 5 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.

The MACH Centre voicemail will not be monitored during the Christmas and New Year closure.



COPACC

The COPACC office will be closed from 3pm Wednesday 24 December to 9am Monday 5 January 2025.

For Colac Cinema hours of operation please visit the Colac Cinema Website.