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## Towards Zero Race Torquay course revealed

The Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race cycling extravaganza has welcomed a new event. The inaugural Towards Zero Race Torquay will be held Thursday 30 January 2020, with the course for the event revealed. As the official precursor to the Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Race Torquay is expected to attract the world's leading professional men's and women's cycling teams, showcasing the Surf Coast on an international scale.

The race involves multiple laps of a 13km circuit, which effectively circumnavigates the township of Torquay. The women will complete eight laps (104km), while the men will race an extra two laps, taking their total distance to 130km. Each lap is expected to take somewhere between 15 and 20 minutes.

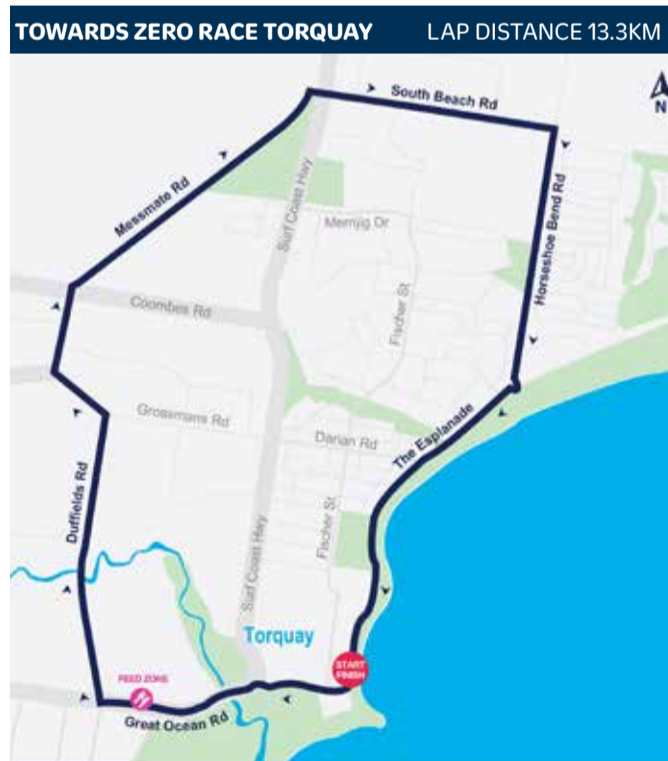
### RACE TIMINGS THURSDAY 30 JANUARY

**Elite women** - 12pm to approximately 2.45pm

**Elite men** - 3.45pm to approximately 6.45pm

Towards Zero Race Torquay will start and finish on The Esplanade, with an Event Village and community hub located in the area opposite Price Street. Heading in a clockwise direction, the course then takes in Bell Street, Great Ocean Road, Duffields and Messmate Roads, before heading back via South Beach Road, Horseshoe Bend Road and The Esplanade.

The race will be held on a semi-closed circuit, meaning there will be traffic management restricting access along the course and, in some cases, diversions around the course. Council is working closely with Visit Victoria, Regional Roads Victoria and Victoria Police to develop the safest possible course, while minimising disruption to local residents, traders and visitors.



There will be vehicle access in and out of Torquay throughout the event, however some delays are to be expected while the races are in progress.

Council will continue to provide updates and information on how you can get involved in the event. In the meantime, you can find out more by visiting [www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au](http://www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au), signing up to the newsletter and following the official social media accounts @CadelRoadRace.

## New waste services: what they mean for you



New services to better manage kerbside waste collection will be rolled out across the Surf Coast Shire, spearheaded by a food organics collection and at least one extra recycling bin.

The initiatives will enable more specific sorting of material by residents, increasing the opportunity to recover recyclables. There is a community expectation that Council is proactive about finding a solution to the recycling supply chain challenges, following contractor SKM Recycling's announcement that it would cease to operate in July 2019. It left Council with no alternative but to take recyclables to landfill.

Planning for the additional bin is based on a fourth bin – proposed to be 120L – being used for glass collection, as removing this from mixed recyclables provides more opportunities for processing. Community and industry consultation will explore what needs to happen to make this approach successful.

We aim to have the food organics collection service and the extra recycling bin in place sometime between summer and Easter. These changes are to be introduced across both urban and rural communities.

We will also explore the use of a fifth bin, with more work to occur to understand what will be collected and the timing, scale and location of the trial.

The food organics collection involves putting your food scraps in with green waste so they can be processed into compost and mulch products. The shire-wide launch follows a successful trial in Anglesea last summer. The pilot led to 22 per cent less waste collected from Anglesea going to landfill, and achieved an 83 per cent positive response from survey respondents.

The delivery of new bins will take months, which provides Council with the time for more communication about the changes. We are working on a community engagement plan specifically for the changes that lie ahead. They are big steps but the community has made it clear it expects things to change. An update with more details on how the new services will be introduced will be included in the January edition of Groundswell.

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Council has been working hard to find shorter-term alternatives that can divert recyclables from landfill as quickly as possible. Any developments will be communicated through Council's website, social media and local media. When an alternative is found, the quality of sorting of our recyclables will be important so residents should still take care about what is placed in the yellow recycling bin. As always, people are urged to reduce waste where possible. It's pleasing to see how many local people have been proactive about managing their own recycling, and working with others in the community.

**A SNAPSHOT**

**WHAT** All households will receive at least one extra recycling bin and a food organics collection service will be rolled out. The trial of a fifth bin for more specific sorting of recyclables is also being explored.

**WHERE** The extra recycling bin and food organics collection will be shire-wide for both urban and rural communities. The fifth bin pilot will be in a small urban area, yet to be determined.

**WHEN** We are aiming to have the extra recycling bin and food organics collection in place between summer and Easter.

**HOW TO STAY INFORMED**

Web: [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/recyclingupdate](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/recyclingupdate)

 SurfCoastShireCouncil

Call: 5261 0600

Read your January 2020 edition of Groundswell for updated information.

## Healthy choices at Winchelsea Pool



Archie Schroeter, 7, front, rear from L Chelsea Ronning, Jem Ronning and Bradley Ladhams with fruit and yoghurt pops.

**Healthy food and drink options will be available at Winchelsea Pool Kiosk this summer, and kids have helped set the menu.**

Pupils from Winchelsea and Deans Marsh primary schools took time out during events at their swimming sports earlier this year to taste test and vote on healthy kiosk options.

The refreshed menu will meet Victorian Government Healthy Choices guidelines, and make it easier for patrons to make healthier snack choices once the pool opens on November 23.

The kiosk menu will now include popcorn, snack bars, crackers with dip, frozen yoghurt pops, fruit juice icy poles and more.

Drinks will include water and flavoured sparkling water, flavoured milk and fruit juice with no added sugar.

People will still be able to bring their own food.

Council has led the kiosk project as one of several initiatives in its Healthy Eating and Active Living Action Plan 2018-21.

The new summer season will open with a family friendly pool party, and Winchelsea and Deans Marsh primary school pupils will be invited.

Winchelsea Pool attracted bumper crowds last summer, with more than 8500 visits equating to more than four times the town's population.

### Nominate now for Australia Day Awards

**Do you know a community member or group deserving recognition for their contributions and achievements?**

Nominations are open for Surf Coast Shire Council's Australia Day Awards, which will be presented to the Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year.

It's an opportunity to acknowledge the inspirational community spirit on display across the Surf Coast Shire. For more details and to nominate, visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ausday](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ausday). Nominations close 12 November 2019.

Nominees and winners will be invited to Australia Day events hosted by local Lions Clubs. The events will be held at Anglesea Riverbank near the Visitor Information Centre (8am) and Taylor Park Rotunda in Torquay (10am).



### Road upgrades progressing

**Work is progressing on important upgrades to South Beach and Messmate roads in Torquay north.**

Council timed the projects to minimise impact for the community, with both roads already closed for Regional Roads Victoria construction of a roundabout at the intersection of South Beach Road and Surf Coast Highway.

Improvements to South Beach Road are scheduled to be complete mid-December.

The road will have complete pavement rebuild, underground drainage, sealed shoulders and a shared footpath on the south side of the road.

Council's civil team is due to complete Messmate Road works late this month.

The upgrade will include road reconstruction, drainage and sealing of 1.1km of previously unsealed road.

### Two new councillors

**Surf Coast Shire Council has welcomed two new councillors – Cr James McIntyre (left) and Cr Tony Revell (right).**

Cr McIntyre represents the Winchelsea Ward, while Cr Revell represents the Anglesea Ward. The pair was elected following the resignations of Cr Carol McGregor and Cr Libby Coker.

Mayor Rose Hodge congratulated Cr McIntyre and Cr Revell on joining Council

"It's always exciting to hear new voices and to learn more about our community's needs and aspirations," she said.



### Time for action

Surf Coast Councillors agreed in August that climate change is having a significant impact on our planet and that action is needed, both globally and locally.

Council made a declaration that conveys the need for urgent action and Council will develop a Climate Emergency Response Plan in collaboration with the community, with a view to delivering local actions to help slow the rate of global warming and mitigate the impacts of climate change. Council will also demonstrate its leadership by committing to clear corporate targets for energy, emissions, water, waste, land use and biodiversity.

There is an opportunity to build on what Council and the community is already doing. Council has converted streetlights to LED, installed a 230kW solar array on the civic building combined

with wind power and battery storage, and launched the Powered by Positive campaign which encourages the community to achieve a target of 25% renewable energy consumption by 2020.

Meanwhile, a capacity crowd gained insights from filmmaker Damon Gameau at a recent screening of the environmental documentary 2040 in Torquay. It was followed by a panel discussion with Damon, Barwon Water Managing Director Tracey Slatter and Surf Coast community members Alex Marshall and Alison Marchant. Attendees left the Council-organised event inspired on how they could take action on climate change.



# It's time to prepare for the summer fire season

## BE AWARE

### Understand your risks.

You live in a high fire risk area, it's important to consider your unique circumstances and potential vulnerabilities and to develop bushfire survival plans that address the needs of your household.

## BE PREPARED

Planning ahead could save you and your family. Make decisions now so you can act quickly and safely when the time comes.

Leaving early is always your safest option – that means the night before, or early in the morning on high fire risk days, before any signs of fire. Once a bushfire has started it may be too late to leave, you may need another plan.

Have back-up plans. Fires are unpredictable and initial plans can fail. Your back-up plan should identify last resort options, including designated Bushfire Places of Last Resort (Neighbourhood Safer Places).

Remember that while Bushfire Places of Last Resort may save your life in the event of being caught in a fire, they are a last resort. You should not expect emergency services to be at these locations. You should be prepared for hot, uncomfortable conditions.

It's a good idea to pack an emergency kit before summer that contains all of the items you'll need, such as protective clothing, woollen blankets, ID, medications, water, food and a battery powered radio. Remember to cater for everyone in your household, including pets.

## GET CONNECTED

Throughout the summer, make sure you remain connected to the right information.

Be alert to the weather conditions and know what the Fire Danger Rating is each day. Fire Danger Ratings tell us how bad a fire may be – use it to guide your planning and to set your triggers for when to leave.

To receive warnings and incident information download the VicEmergency app and tune into ABC Melbourne.



## FIRE UP! PROGRAM

Council's Fire Up! program provides opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with local emergency information to assist with bushfire planning.

You will find the Fire Up! team at local markets and community events. Come along to get information specific to your area and chat with local Council, CFA, and Forest Fire Management Victoria staff.

Check out the Fire Up! page on our website for details of the events we will be attending.

## PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

### Play your part to reduce fire fuels.

To protect the safety of your home and neighbourhood you need to do your bit by managing fuel loads around your house.

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers can advise you on managing your risk, including any risks on your property that may impact on your neighbours. Call 5261 0600 to book a free property vegetation assessment.

Regardless of property preparation, many homes will not be able to withstand fires in Code Red, Extreme or Severe conditions. Be prepared with a well-practised plan.

## WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING ABOUT FIRE FUELS?

In spring Council will commence its annual spraying program which will be followed by roadside slashing. These programs reduce fuel loads on Council-managed roadsides, parks and reserves. Property fire inspection and an enforcement program targeting high-risk and other strategic areas also operates during the year.

## BURNING OFF

Burning off dried vegetation, including leaves, branches and weeds is only permitted in the Surf Coast Shire outside the Fire Danger Period.

Open air burning can be dangerous and there are strict rules and guidelines governing times and what can be legally burned. In township areas burning off dried vegetation is permitted only on Wednesday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm and only outside the Fire Danger Period. Township boundaries generally extend to include 1-5 acre properties around the towns.

For details and information on who you need to notify, call **5261 0600** or visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/burningoff](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/burningoff).

## MORE INFORMATION

CFA

[www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

Surf Coast Shire

[www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au)

VicEmergency

[www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)

VicEmergency

**Hotline 1800 226 226**

Forest Fire Management Victoria

**136 186 | [www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au](http://www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au)**

[SurfcoastShireCouncil](https://www.facebook.com/SurfcoastShireCouncil)

## Surf Coast Shire Australia Day Awards



### In profile: Event of the Year The Sound Doctor Presents

A New Year's Eve tweet to New York musician Joan As Police Woman was the catalyst for a concert series that continues to attract huge acts to Anglesea.

The Sound Doctor Presents was the idea of local doctor David Corbet, who tweeted Joan As Police Woman and invited her to play in Anglesea. When she said yes, Dr Corbet approached fellow local music lovers and together they turned Anglesea Memorial Hall into a suitable venue. Joan's Australian contact offered Irish folk singer Lisa Hannigan as a memorable first act, while Joan As Police Woman performed in May this year.

The overwhelming success of The Sound Doctor Presents saw it take Australia Day Award honours for Event of the Year.

"It's great to get feedback from individual people about how much they love what we're doing, but to get an award really brought home to us just how many people appreciate it," Andi Lawson-Moore said.

"Running these events is a lot of hard work for a group of volunteers so it was really nice to get the recognition and to know the community thinks what we're doing is worthwhile."

There has been significant local support for the event, which continues to grow in reputation as it brings some of the best Australian and international artists to the Surf Coast.

"As we've been able to bring higher profile artists to the area, we're seeing crowds coming from further afield, so we feel like we're putting Anglesea on the music map," Andi said.

"We realised there are a lot of music lovers who just don't get the chance to get to Melbourne to see bands but they're certainly up for a night out in Anglesea. People seem to love it – not just full-time locals but also holiday house owners who are making regular trips down to our shows."

The next shows for The Sound Doctor Presents are in March. For the latest updates, sign up to the newsletter via [www.thesounddoctor.info](http://www.thesounddoctor.info).

## FREE GARDEN WASTE IN NOVEMBER

Residents cleaning up their properties before fire season can take advantage of free garden waste disposal at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations for the month of November 2019.

Up to three cubic metres of garden waste per property can be deposited during the month of November, with the Garden Waste vouchers sent to all ratepayers.

Garden clippings, tree prunings, grass and leaf litter are accepted. Agapanthus and noxious weeds in seed will be charged as general waste. Tree trunks can only be accepted at Anglesea Transfer Station and will be charged the appropriate fee.

Owners of investment properties are encouraged to pass vouchers onto their tenants.

For transfer station opening hours please contact Council on **5261 0600** or visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/transfer](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/transfer).

## STRIBLING RESERVE UPDATE

Light towers will be installed at Lorne's Stribling Reserve by the end of the year as part of the upgrade of the key community facility. The towers will be used for multiple purposes including night footy, community events and providing a safe space for emergency service helicopters to land.

The upgrade also included a new electronic scoreboard which was installed midway through Lorne's premiership season. The scoreboard was a partnership between the Stribling Reserve committee, Lorne Football Netball Club and Council.

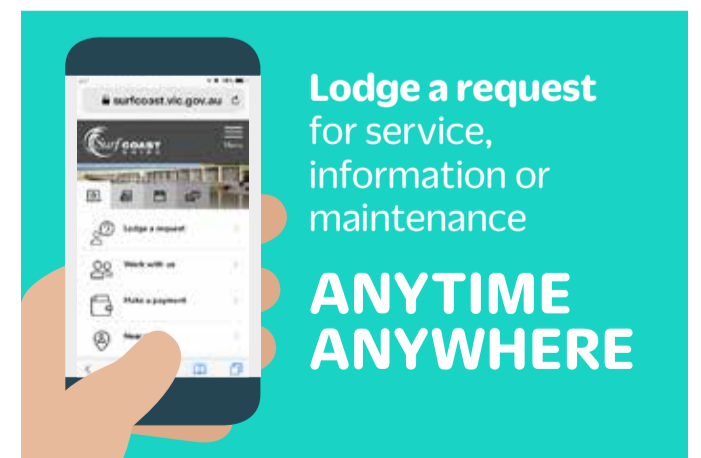
Preparations are now underway for the pavilion redevelopment at the reserve.

## SURF MUSEUM PART OF GREAT SPORTING LAND

People across the globe can take an online tour of Torquay's Australian National Surfing Museum via a Google Arts and Culture collection titled Great Sporting Land.

Surf boards used by champions, hundreds of other items from the museum and stories of everyday surfers are also part of the interactive exhibition, which is dedicated to Australian sporting people, moments and places.

Visit [g.co/GreatSportingLand](http://g.co/GreatSportingLand) to explore Great Sporting Land and Australian National Surfing Museum treasures.





## Cape Otway Road Australia

The Minister for Planning has agreed to be the planning authority for the Cape Otway Road Australia (CORA) proposal for a \$350 million elite sports facility, retail and accommodation use at Cape Otway Road, Modewarre.

The Minister has appointed an advisory committee which has completed stage one of its duties – the initial assessment. The initial assessment found that the proposal has enough strategic justification to proceed to stage two, which includes public exhibition of the proposal.

Before proceeding to stage two, the committee requested further information and strategic work from the proponents. It includes redrafting the planning scheme amendment and further technical work by consultants.

Planning Panels Victoria is managing the planning process. Full details are available via [www.planning.vic.gov.au](http://www.planning.vic.gov.au) by searching 'CORA'.

## The Eden Project

The Eden Project is working on its concept for a world-class eco-tourism attraction within the former Alcoa mine site.

As the concept is dependent on a water-filled mine, The Eden Project and Alcoa are working on the means to achieve this and the planning process for the planning scheme amendment that is required.

The adopted Anglesea Futures Land Use Framework states that either Council or the Minister for Planning could be the planning authority to process the amendment.

Alcoa is also working through other matters associated with the mine closure, including the rehabilitation of the mine.

The Eden Project is a UK-based educational and environmental charity and social enterprise. The organisation consulted with the Anglesea community in May and June on developing a world class eco-tourism attraction on the former Alcoa mine site. The Eden Project reported there was an overwhelmingly supportive response to the concept, with some issues such as traffic to work through.

In June 2019, the Minister for Planning approved Amendment C129 to the Surf Coast Planning Scheme which rezones the land – surrendered by Alcoa to the Crown – to Public Conservation and Resource Zone. It also rezones eight other crown land parcels to recognise existing uses for public purposes, along with other minor changes. The amendment also introduces a new policy which implements the adopted Anglesea Futures Framework Plan.

For more information on the concept, visit [www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au](http://www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au).

## Service in the spotlight:

First-time parents can access a new, free healthy relationships program through Council's Maternal and Child Health Service.



Following a successful pilot in Torquay, Baby Makes 3 will be continued helping first-time parents build and maintain healthy, equal and respectful relationships, meaning better outcomes for them, children, families and communities. Planning is underway for rollout across the shire.

The program is run through the service's First Time Parent Group and includes three evening sessions led by trained facilitators.

Sessions cover areas including transition to parenthood, expectations of mothers and fathers, who does what at home, healthy relationships, meaningful equality, sex and intimacy, dealing with conflict, and communication.

Fifty-eight couples attended at least one Baby Makes 3 pilot session, with 97 per cent saying they felt it was worthwhile and 89.5 per cent saying that they felt they had greater awareness of their partner's experience transitioning to parenthood.

One participant said "It's a great opportunity for various discussions with my partner, which otherwise wouldn't have happened".

Another said "It was a great reminder of the importance of effective communication in stressful times. It was wonderful to share similar experiences in a safe place".

Baby Makes 3 is part of Council's free Maternal Child Health service, which offers care to post-natal women, and children from birth to school age.

For more information on Baby Makes 3, or to make a Maternal and Child Health appointment, call **5261 0549**.

### OCTOBER

- 20 Sprint Series Adventure Race, Anglesea
- 20-27 65th Anglesea Golf Club Open Week
- 27 The Kite Festival, Torquay

### NOVEMBER

- 23 Surf Coast Afterglow Trail Run, Point Addis to Torquay
- 30 The Impossible Paddle, Torquay
- Nov-Jan Christmastime in the Quay

### DECEMBER

- 6 Moriac Community Carols, Moriac
- 8 Aireys Inlet Community Carols, Aireys Inlet
- 14 Carols by the Sea, Torquay
- 14 Carols on the Lorne, Lorne
- 22 Carols by Candlelight, Anglesea
- 27 Roo Run, Anglesea
- 28 Rock2Ramp Swim, Anglesea
- 28-1 Falls Festival

### JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Regatta, Anglesea River
- 2,9,16,23 Nightjar Festival, Torquay
- 2-25 Kids Art Bash, Anglesea
- 3 Bells Bash Cliff Run, Jan Juc to Bells Beach
- 4 Danger 1000 Ocean Swim, Cosy Corner Torquay
- 5 Tim Gates Classic, Beach run at Fairhaven
- 8-12 Bells Beach Surf Film Festival, Torquay
- 10 Mountain to Surf, Lorne
- 11 Pier to Pub, Lorne
- 12 Jim Wall Iron Man, Torquay
- 17-19 Deans Marsh Sheep Dog Trials, Deans Marsh
- 26 Australia Day Celebration and Awards. Anglesea and Torquay
- 30 Towards Zero Race Torquay

### FEBRUARY

- 1 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Elite Women's Race, Torquay
- 1 Cadel Evan Great Ocean Road Peoples Ride, Torquay
- 2 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Elite Men's Race, Torquay

## MARKETS GALORE!

Surf Coast Shire is home to many community and commercial markets during summer.

Don't miss the bargains and fun.

Go to the markets and events calendar pages at [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au) for listings or pick up a 2019-20 Surf Coast Markets brochure at Visitor Information Centres or Council office.



## Month of action for White Ribbon

Council will be part of the Barwon Month of Action leading into White Ribbon Day, seeking to end men's violence against women.

The Month of Action is supported by several Geelong region organisations, with activities aiming to improve community awareness and inspire action ending violence and abuse against women.

Abuse can take many forms including physical, sexual, financial, emotional and verbal.

Council will have a series of events supporting White Ribbon Day, 22 November, including a workshop with young people emphasising the importance of gender equity in helping prevent violence against women.

Surf Coast Shire Council is an accredited White Ribbon workplace.

Council will also mark International Day of People with a Disability with an inclusive celebration during the first week of December. Visit [www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au) for details.

International Day of People with a Disability is 3 December.

## COUNCIL SERVICES DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

This is the last Groundswell before Christmas. Please note the following arrangements over the holiday period:

### Office hours

Council's normal office hours are 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, except for:

Tuesday 24 December – 8.30am to 4pm

Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December – closed

Tuesday 31 December – 8.30am to 4pm

Wednesday 1 January - closed

### Waste collections

There will be no kerbside waste collection on Christmas Day. Collections will occur the day after usual collection. For example, usual Wednesday to be collected Thursday 26 December, usual

Thursday to be collected Friday 27 December, usual Friday to be collected Saturday 28 December.

As indicated by the pink square on your waste collection calendar, an additional kerbside recyclable materials collection service will operate the fortnight after Christmas Day. If you live in an urban area, you can put out all three bins (garbage, recyclables and waste) on this day. If you're a rural resident, please put out your yellow-lid bin.

All transfer stations and the Anglesea Landfill will be closed Christmas Day. On extreme fire danger days, the Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations will be closed and reduced hours will apply at Anglesea Landfill (5am to 10am). On Code Red days the Anglesea Landfill and all transfer stations will be closed. Kerbside

waste collection and litter bin services in high-risk areas may also be affected on these days.

### Maternal and Child Health Centres

Maternal and Child Health Centres will be closed 25 and 26 December, and 1 January. There will be a nurse in attendance on 27, 30 and 31 December, at Torquay's Kurrabee Myaring Community Centre.

There will be a modified service level to some centres during the busy holiday period. Parents visiting the shire who require support with breastfeeding or special needs while on holidays are welcome to attend the service.

Enquiries can be made on **5261 0549**. People can also contact the Maternal and Child Health 24-hour line on **132 229**.