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Bayside Community Sports Centre March update: centre is open and in full use



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Winter netball season is underway

The winter netball season got underway on Thursday, 14 March (under nines), and Saturday,

16 March (all other age groups). Netball families and the Bayside District Netball Association (BDNA) have welcomed their much-anticipated new home.

The new Bayside Community Sport Centre includes:

- Two new indoor courts and nine outdoor courts
- Change and umpires' rooms, first aid and administrative facilities
- A sportsground for junior cricket and school activities
- A new 98 space car park
- Landscaping and planting using indigenous plants and trees
- Five-star energy initiatives including solar power, recycled materials, natural light and rainwater retention systems.

Netball is the most popular female team sport across Australia and participation in Bayside has more than doubled since 2010. Nearly 2,500 players from 12 clubs were registered to play at Thomas Street Reserve's 6 outdoor and one indoor court, the BDNA's former home. Due to the game's popularity and insufficient infrastructure, player and team numbers needed to be capped, and game times were shorter than the national standard to maximise the number of games played on competition days. The lack of courts also meant priority was given to development teams, in favour of community participation.

For more information about netball programs visit the [BDNA website](#).

Sandringham College

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) jointly funded the project at Sandringham College's Holloway Road campus. In addition to

the Bayside Community Sport Centre facilities, the school now features:

- a dedicated soundproof music room
- a fully equipped gym for free weight programs
- a dance studio
- an additional multi-use indoor court.

Key dates

The centre is hosting a range of activities including (but not limited to):

- Club training – weeknights.
- All Abilities Program – Monday nights.
- Female open competition – Wednesday nights.
- Winter netball competition (under nines).
- Winter netball competition (all other age groups).
- Representative teams training and practice matches – times vary.
- Sandringham College student use – during school hours.

Further information on BDNA activities and Sandringham College events at the centre is available on their websites.

- [Bayside District Netball Association](#) (BDNA)
- [Sandringham College](#)

Operational update

Last Saturday we experienced the first busy Saturday of the winter season. The transition times between games, especially in the morning, is when traffic is at its busiest.

Holloway Road experienced some congestion when drivers drove past the onsite carpark driveway towards the Holloway Road cul-de-sac. Cars driving down Cooke Street also caused

congestion when trying to cross Holloway Road to access the onsite carpark.

For matches this weekend we have installed electronic signage to guide drivers directly into the carpark on Holloway Road. We have also provided the BDNA with messaging to share with clubs, encouraging members to avoid parking in residential streets; to carpool, walk and bike where possible; and shared information about accessing the onsite and overflow parking areas.

The George Street and Bay Road intersection also experienced congestion with vehicles turning right onto Bay Road. To reduce the extended delays, we are encouraging centre users to travel along Wangara Road and turn left onto Reserve Road to access Bay Road, where traffic lights manage the traffic flow.



When visiting the centre, let's be team players

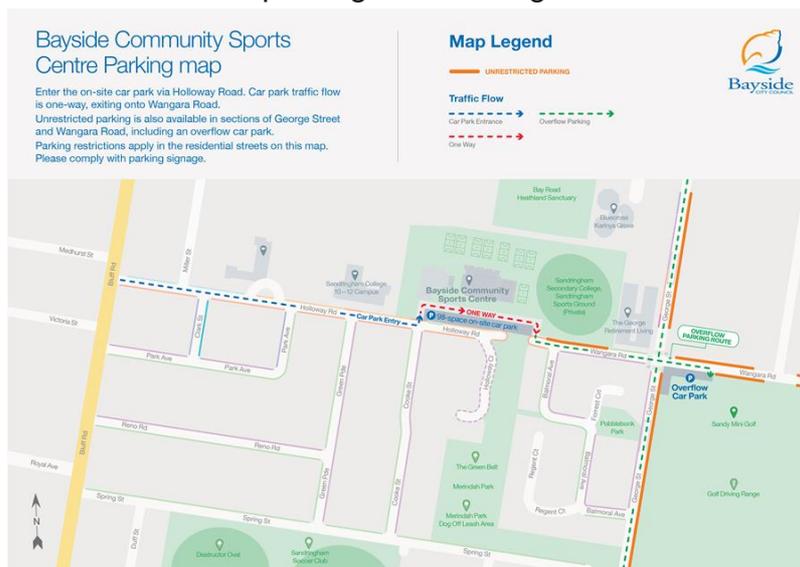
The new Centre is close to where people live, work, play and study, so we ask all visitors to be mindful of the impact they have on others.

Additional crossings and road safety features have been implemented around the centre for those walking or cycling, and bike hoops are conveniently located near the centre's entrance.

If you are driving to the centre, please either:

- Use Holloway Road, from Bluff Road and enter the onsite 98-space car park identified by Sandringham College Gate 3 sign. Holloway Road ends in a cul-de-sac, so there is no through-traffic. If the car park is full, follow the one-way traffic direction, exit onto Wangara Road and park in the unrestricted parking on George Street and Wangara Road (including the overflow car park at the Sandy Mini Golf at 18/20 Wangara Road – approximately 200m from the centre), or
- Enter via George Street and park in unrestricted areas along George Street and Wangara Road (including the overflow car park).
- We encourage visitors leaving the site from the car park that require access to Bay Road to travel on Wangara Road until Reserve Road. Turning right from George Street can result in extended delays.

Please also follow the local parking restrictions in surrounding streets. The below map outlines the traffic flow and parking surrounding the centre.



A guide to visiting the centre

Do

- Stick to the speed limit
- Enter the car park via Holloway Road and exit onto Wangara Road
- Park in the on-site car park or overflow areas
- Plan your trip and allow extra time
- Check parking signage before parking
- Respect residents by keeping the noise down

Don't

- Turn around in the car park to exit onto Holloway Road – the car park is one-way only
- Park in Holloway Road or the surrounding residential streets – parking restrictions apply
- Litter – use bins for rubbish or take it home with you
- Use local residential or school driveways to drop-off netballers
- U-turn in Holloway Road – this may cause further traffic congestion

Getting in touch

The centre has now moved from project phase and centre operations are being managed by Sandringham College and the BDNA.

Key contacts:

- Parking permit or restriction enquiries: 03 9599 4444 (request to speak to the parking team)
- After-hours urgent issues (Bayside Council): 03 9599 4444
- [Report a problem](#) online

Find out more about this project



Bayside City Council proudly acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land, and we pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

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