

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

1. Are Council's Community Facilities Open since the Easement of COVID-19 Restrictions by the NSW Government from, 1 June 2020

Community Facilities

REMAIN TEMPORARILY CLOSED - WITH EXEMPTIONS

Public Response:

The Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 3) 2020 NSW enables community centres to remain closed, except for the 3 purposes listed under 'Restrictions' below.

Restrictions - (as per clause 6 of the Order) community halls may only be open for 3 purposes:

- a) to provide a service to assist vulnerable members of the public, for example, a food bank or a service providing for the needs of homeless persons, or
- b) for counselling and support group services, or
- c) as an early education and care facility.

4 Square Meter Rule - For bookings that meet the above criteria, their capacity must not exceed one person per 4 square metres, including staff members.

While the Public Health Order permits religious services, weddings, funerals, dance and fitness classes to be held (with limited participants), they may not be held in community centres and other buildings that are required to be closed.

i.e. community centres will not be opened for religious services, weddings, funerals, dance and fitness classes.

Information sourced from the Office of Local Government (NSW Government).

Hirers must facilitate in full the necessary hygiene practices above and beyond the baseline cleaning of facilities offered by Council. This may include the supply of hand sanitizer, additional cleaning and the distribution of relevant and endorsed public health information relating to COVID-19 to participants.

Existing Hirers:

The Sport and Recreation Team will contact all eligible hires whose booking purpose is permitted under the Public Health Order as stated above, self-nomination by hirers will not be required. If you have not been contacted by Council, your booking does not comply with the above restrictions and can therefore not recommence.

New Hirers:

New bookings that comply with the above restrictions will be reviewed on a case by case basis by Council Officers, as per standard booking processes.

To find out what you [can and can't do](#) or to have your [questions answered](#) regarding the rules, please visit the NSW Government website for the [latest updates](#).

Please be advised, all use of Council's community facilities is done so at the risk of the user.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

USE BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

2. Are Council's Recreational Facilities Open Since the Easement of COVID-19 Restrictions by the NSW Government, from 1 July 2020

Recreational Facilities
OPEN - WITH CONDITIONS IN PLACE
Public Response:
<p>Council's recreational facilities are open for general use by the public in accordance with The Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 3) 2020 NSW.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Users may participate in gatherings outdoors of no more than 10 people• Outdoor spaces must not comprise 500 or more persons at the same time• The size of the space must be sufficient to ensure there is 4m² of space for each person using the facility• Users must maintain physical distancing of 1.5 m and practice good personal hygiene. <p>Adherence to the Public Health Order remains the responsibility of all users.</p> <p>Council does not issue permits for public outdoor gatherings of less than 100 people. With a current limit of 10 people per group, Council will not be permitting bookings for outdoor gatherings under the current Public Health Order.</p> <p>Council is not currently permitting for bookings that request the use of third party facilitators, food service providers or that seek to raise a temporary structure at its recreational facilities.</p> <p>If you are still unsure, please contact the Sport and Recreation Team on 1300 581 299 or sport.recreation@bayside.nsw.gov.au</p> <p>To find out what you can and can't do or to have your questions answered regarding the rules, please visit the NSW Government website for the latest updates.</p> <p>Please be advised, all use of Council's recreational facilities is done so at the risk of the user.</p>
Tennis Courts
OPEN - WITH EXEMPTIONS IN PLACE
Public Response:
<p>Open for bookings of 10 or less people maintaining physical distancing and good personal hygiene.</p> <p>Tennis courts are to be booked as per standard booking procedures, fees and charges apply.</p> <p>Please be advised, all use of Council's recreational facilities is done so at the risk of the user.</p> <p>Mutch Park Tennis Courts, Pagewood and Mascot Memorial Park Tennis Courts, Aloha Street Mascot will remain unlocked and unpermitted until Eastgardens Customer Service is reopened on Thursday 18 June. Standard booking procedures, fees and charges will apply thereafter.</p>

Botany Golf Course and ProShop

OPEN - WITH CONDITIONS IN PLACE

Public Response:

Remains open as per COVID-19 operating hours, 7:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Conditions of entry require customers to comply with COVID-19 operating procedures, as advised by Council.

For specific questions, please contact the Botany Golf Course ProShop direct on 9316 4930.

Please note this facility has now become cashless in response to COVID-19 and for the ongoing safety of staff, this will be a permanent change to facility operations post COVID-19.

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Mutch Park Squash Centre

TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

Public Response:

Remains temporarily closed as the facility is an indoor sporting facility with limited passive floor space to accommodate the rule of 4m² of space per person (excluding court space, foyer walkway and thoroughfares).

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Angelo Anestis Aquatic Centre (Bexley Aquatic Centre)

TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER

Public Response:

Please contact the facility operator [Bluefit](#) for the most up to date information on COVID-19 closure, restrictions and operations.

Botany Aquatic Centre

TEMPORARILY CLOSED UNTIL SUMMER SWIMMING SEASON

Public Response:

Remains temporarily closed until the start of the next summer swimming season later this year.

USE BY SPORTING ORGANISATIONS AND COMMERCIAL OPERATORS

Personal Training and Outdoor Exercise Group Training

OPEN - WITH CONDITIONS IN PLACE

Public Response:

Council is allowing this type of use, Council will accept requests but will not be issuing permits for this type of booking at this point in time. Bookings and charges will apply after the 30th June 2020, operators will then be required to book and pay for the use of Council's facilities as per standard booking processes.

Please be advised, all use of Council's recreational facilities is done so at the risk of the operator.

EXISTING OPERATORS:

Existing 2020 Permit holders at their discretion may recommence their operations as per their pre-COVID-19 allocated day, time and facility.

NEW/POTENTIAL OPERATORS:

Council requires a written request and a copy of a valid certificate of currency for new operators and will assess each request on a case by case basis. Please contact the Sport and Recreation Team for new requests on sport.recreation@bayside.nsw.gov.au.

ALL OPERATORS:

All operators must comply with the most recent [NSW Government mandates](#) relating to the Public Health Order, operators must implement [Fitness Australia's COVID-19 best practice guidelines](#).

Council advises that having a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place is advisable, this remains the responsibility of the operator.

Operators must facilitate in full the necessary hygiene practices above and beyond the baseline cleaning of facilities offered by Council. This may include the supply of hand sanitizer, additional cleaning and the distribution of relevant and endorsed public health information relating to COVID-19 to participants.

Operators must not occupy outdoor gym equipment for prolonged periods, operate with respect to all facility users and in compliance with Council's Terms and Conditions of Hire.

Tennis Courts – Sporting Organisations and Commercial Operators

OPEN - WITH EXEMPTIONS IN PLACE

Public Response:

Open for bookings of 10 or less people maintaining [physical distancing](#) and good [personal hygiene](#).

Tennis courts are to be booked as per standard booking procedures, fees and charges apply.

Council advises that having a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place is advisable, this remains the responsibility of the operator.

Operators must facilitate in full the necessary hygiene practices above and beyond the baseline cleaning of facilities offered by Council. This may include the supply of hand sanitizer, additional cleaning and the distribution of relevant and endorsed public health information relating to COVID-19 to participants.

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Sportsfields / Organised Sport – Sporting Organisations and Commercial Operators

OPEN - WITH CONDITIONS IN PLACE

Public Response:

The NSW Government has announced that adult and junior community sporting competitions, full training and contact activities can recommence from Wednesday 1 July.

This announcement means that both junior and senior competitions can recommence at the same time.

It is up to the sporting organisation to adapt or modify their sport, to be in line with the current Public Health Order.

Council advises that having a [COVID-19 Safety Plan](#) in place is advisable, this remains the responsibility of the operator. Reading the National Cabinet endorsed [Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#) is advisable.

For sport-specific information and resources, please visit the [Office of Sport](#) and [Sport Australia](#) websites.

Operators must facilitate in full the necessary hygiene practices above and beyond the baseline cleaning of facilities offered by Council. This may include the supply of hand sanitizer, additional cleaning and the distribution of relevant and endorsed public health information relating to COVID-19 to participants.

To discuss the specifics of your new or existing booking with Council please contact the Sport and Recreation Team on 1300 581 299 or sport.recreation@bayside.nsw.gov.au.

Please be advised, all use of Council's recreational facilities is done so at the risk of the user.

Please keep in mind that the collective effort of all facility users and their participants is required to address the spread of COVID-19.

Spikes in the community transmission rate may result in heightened restrictions and the possible re-closure of community and recreational facilities at the direction of the Federal and State Government.

Substantiated incidents of users or their participants breaching government mandates relating to the current Public Health Order may result in the cancellation of current permits and may impact future bookings with Council.

For more information and resources, please visit.

- [NSW Government](#)
- [NSW Government Office of Sport](#) (State)
- [Sport Australia](#) (Federal)
- [Framework for Rebooting Sport in a COVID-19 Environment](#)
- [Health NSW](#)

Regards,

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