

Bluewater News



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Stadium Open

The Bluewater stadium is complete and open for business.

The Colac Basketball Association held its competition grand finals in the stadium on Sunday 26 and Tuesday 28 March with the events very well supported by the local community.

Hundreds of people have visited the centre to throw their support behind the competing teams and made the most of the opportunity to check out the new stadium.

The courts are available for casual use outside school hours and private bookings.

Bluewater Gold and Platinum members have access included in their memberships. Current casual rates are \$18.90 Family, \$6.20 Adult, \$5.10 Concession and \$4.30 Child per visit.

Note that all children under 10 need to be accompanied by a supervising adult.

The courts are also available for bookings. For information on booking a court, visit the Bluewater website at <http://www.bluewater.org.au/Sports-Stadium/Stadium-facilities>.

For more information on services at Bluewater visit our website www.bluewater.org.au or call our customer relations team on 5232 9551.

NEW FUNKITA LINE HITS THE SHELVES

OUR JUNE DROP OF FUNKITA SWIMWEAR HAS ARRIVED!

The exciting new range is full of colour and boasts a wide variety of styles.

We have Funkita, which is ladies, girls and toddlers swimwear and Funky Trunks for the boys and men.

Also in stock are some Funkita and Funky Trunk backpacks and swim caps.

Check out the new range in our retail shop today.

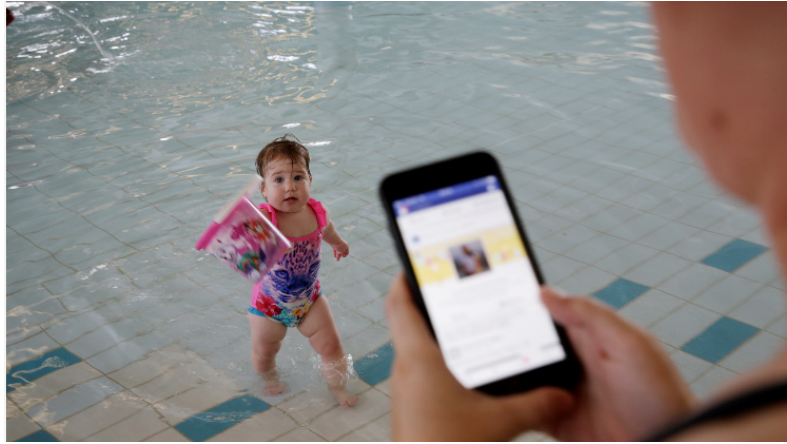


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OPEN HOURS

Mon to Thurs: 6am – 8.30pm Fri: 6am – 7pm
Sat and Sun: 8am – 4pm
Public Holidays: 10am – 4pm

Phubbing Intervention



Phubbing: The act of snubbing someone in a social setting by looking at your phone instead of paying attention – stopphubbing.com

Parents and guardians of swimmers are becoming increasingly accustomed to “phubbing” their children while they play in the pool. And it’s not just Bluewater seeing this behaviour. Aquatic facilities and leisure institutes across Australia are seeing a disturbing trend in the number of parents distracted by their mobile phones.

Smart phones and streaming technology are a huge part of our culture, but they shouldn’t pose a threat to concepts such as courtesy, social interaction and responsibility. Campaigns shaming the untimely use of mobiles range from the ‘Stop Phubbing’ website, which aims to pull the plug on anti-social behaviour, to ‘Blind’, a Transport Accident Commission commercial that clearly shows the disastrous consequences of driver inattention.

Naturally, phubbing and inattention are as much a concern to aquatics. The real concern is that electronic devices compromise supervision, leaving parents ‘blind’ to the safety of their children.

Like the rest of the aquatic industry, Bluewater backs the decade-long ‘Watch Around Water’ campaign. The campaign aims at educating parents of their supervision responsibilities while visiting aquatic facilities with young children.

The program promotes consistent supervision policies:

- * Children under five years age must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervise within arm’s reach at all times while in the centre.
- * Children under 10 years must be accompanied into the centre by a responsible adult and supervised within line of sight at all times while in the centre.
- * All unsupervised children will be removed from the water.

In line with these policies, which are seen as best practice and state the minimum standard required, Bluewater’s focus is on getting parents off phones in order to keep an eye on their kids. It is our hope that this focus will alert caregivers to the risks for injury and other potential consequences of a momentary lapse in supervision.

To help parents and carers get the message, we’re asking children to design a poster highlighting the dangers of digital distractions when supervising children around the water. Slogans may include:

‘Watch me, not your phone’ - ‘You are my lifeguard’

‘Promise to pay attention’ - ‘Please don’t phub me’

‘Face me, not Facebook’



AROUND THE CENTRE

CHRISTINE HAY

ACTING CRECHE COORDINATOR
SWIM INSTRUCTOR
LIFEGUARD

Qualifications:

Swimming and Water Safety for:

- * Infants and Preschool
- * School Aged Children
- * Adults

Pool Lifeguard

Cert. III Children's Services

Cert. IV Education Support

Studying Diploma Children's Services

Sports Trainer for South Colac
Football Club

Interests:

I'm a mum to three very active kids, running, boxing, reading, live music, eating and wine :)

What I love about Bluewater:

I knew I'd made the right choice coming to Bluewater when every day coming to work felt like an extension of my home life.

It's hard to explain to someone who doesn't work here but we really are like a family.

Bluewater is family X

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Meet John Clark, our new Centre Manager.

Dear members and patrons,

This month our new Centre Manager commenced work so we thought we would share 10 interesting facts about John.

1. Grew up in Vermont, in the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.
2. Studied Bachelor of Business (Sport and Leisure Management) at La Trobe University's Mt Buller campus before moving to La Trobe's Bundoora campus to complete his final two years of the degree.
3. He has worked for YMCA Victoria at the Darebin Community Sports Stadium, Kew Recreation Centre, YMCA Docklands and Case RACE.
4. John also has a Certificate 3 & 4 in Fitness, along with several other smaller fitness orientated courses.
5. John has spent time living in Canada, explored most of South East Asia, lived for around a year in the UK, and travelled around many parts of Europe. While in the UK, John worked for Virgin Active UK.
6. John spent 14 months cycling 24,000km from London to Melbourne.
7. Co-founded a charity called 'Ride2Rescue' raising funds and awareness to help fight child trafficking. Since returning home he has organised two group bike rides in Cambodia and Vietnam. Collectively 'Ride2Rescue' has raised almost \$100k for anti-child trafficking organisations and rehabilitation facilities. John has the ambition to organise more group rides in the future.
8. Worked with RACV at their City Club location, before being appointed as the Fitness Centre Manager at the new RACV Torquay Resort. John ventured to Far North Queensland to manage the newly redeveloped Tobruk Memorial Pool.
9. John and his partner Hannah are expecting their first child in October this year, so have made the decision to return back to Victoria to share the experience with family and friends. They are both very excited for this next chapter.
10. John is excited to have been appointed the Manager of Bluewater Leisure Centre.



IMAGE: New Bluewater Centre Manager John Clark with his wife Hannah

CHANGES TO CHILDCARE FEES AND CHARGES

Bluewater management has recently undertaken a review of the membership structure, in particular inclusion of the childcare service in the Family Platinum category. This information has been used to decide on the most cost effective way we can continue to provide childcare services.

Currently Family Platinum members are entitled to use the childcare service at no additional cost as it is included within the membership structure. This has been a very well-utilised service, but unfortunately one that Council is unable to continue in its current format due to the costs involved in providing additional staff members to meet current needs.

Historically, our childcare service has operated on its budgeted two staff capacity, which due to current demand is proving inadequate to meet the current patron demand.

From 1 August 2017, free access to childcare will no longer be offered as part of the Family Platinum membership. In its place, Council proposes to introduce a small user fee for all childcare customers, including Family Platinum members, as a way to ensure the service is maintained at current levels for members. It also provides consistency with other value-add services such as swim school, personal training etc.

Council is confident that the cost for childcare at Bluewater is still extremely good value for money when compared to other childcare facilities. You can be assured that your children will also continue to have access to the same great child carers.

The new fee structure will commence on 1 August 2017. We understand and appreciate that this is a change in expense to some members and encourage you to speak with Bluewater staff to ensure that you receive the best value membership for your needs ready for when the change is introduced. We have introduced a new payment option in regards to multi-visit childcare passes to offer a more convenient payment option. Thank you for your ongoing patronage at Bluewater.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please feel free to talk to the Bluewater team on 5232 9551.



ANNUAL PRICING ADJUSTMENT

BLUEWATER FEES AND CHARGES 2017/18

We wish to advise that the Bluewater Leisure Centre annual fees and charges pricing adjustment will come into effect on the 1st of August. This annual pricing adjustment occurs as outlined in Colac Otway Shire Council's User Fees and Charges for 2017/18 which was recently adopted by Council.

A copy of the 2017/18 Fees and Charges Brochure will appear on the Website under News and also under Join Us and Fees and Charges. All prices that appear on the website pages will be changed over from August 1, 2017 as the price adjustment takes effect.

For any further information on the annual pricing adjustment, please ask one of our customer relations staff or give us a call on 5232 9551.