

AUSTRALIAN ISLAMIC CENTRE - STAGE ONE OPENING

FRIDAY 26 MAY 2017

Fact Sheet

Stage One of The Australian Islamic Centre (AIC) is proposed to open in time for Ramadan on Friday 26 May 2017. As part of the AIC planning permit conditions Council is required to implement some changes to the parking conditions. These changes include the installation of no parking signs along Blenheim Road between Woods Street and Rosshire Road, Newport West. Residents of Blenheim Road will be exempt from these parking changes through Council's permit based system.

Council is currently undertaking traffic studies to obtain baseline traffic volumes and parking assessments within the surrounding streets prior to the AIC opening. These studies will continue through the first few months of the AIC's operations to determine the most appropriate traffic and parking management with its aim to minimise the impact on the broader community.

There is expected to be significant interest in the AIC due to its design by renowned architect Glenn Murcutt and associate Hakan Elevli following a considerable level of media interest in the AIC generated both nationally and internationally. As such, the Newport Islamic Society is expecting high numbers of attendance during this first Ramadan period. An agreement has been reached between Council and the Newport Islamic Society that will allow additional car parking during Ramadan 2017 on the land at the front of the AIC which is identified for future community open space development. The aim of the AIC using this temporary car park is to ease parking congestion in local streets.

Council's agreement with the Newport Islamic Society to temporarily access this land for parking includes a requirement to undertake a full site rectification to return the area to its original condition. Council plans to commence community consultation and the design of the community open space during the second half of 2017.

Council encourages the community to provide feedback on potential local impacts of the parking and traffic changes to help inform an effective traffic management plan. To provide feedback or to register your interest in the community open space design, visit Council's website at www.hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au, or contact Suzi Smolski via email ssmolski@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au or telephone on 9932 1145.

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Frequently asked questions

Is the construction of the Australian Islamic Centre (AIC) completed?

Council has approved the AIC to be built in three stages. Stage one is now complete.

How does the Newport Islamic Society have permission to use the building if all the works are not complete?

Since the inception of Council's planning permit for the AIC, the Newport Islamic Society has been approved to build and operate the AIC. Stage one is able to operate independently of stages two and three.

When will the building be completely finished?

The completion of the AIC is currently unconfirmed. The completion of the project is subject to fundraising managed by the Newport Islamic Society.

Where can I access a copy of the planning permit for the Australian Islamic Centre?

The planning permit can be viewed on the Council website. Planning permit number PA0613422.

Council was supposed to construct public open space in front of the AIC, why hasn't this occurred yet?

Now that the construction phase of the AIC is nearing completion, Council is able to plan for and commence the design phase of the open space with the construction to follow. The entire project will likely span over two to three years.

If you want to get involved or be kept informed on the public open space project register your interest on the Council website.

Signage onsite indicated that the site of the proposed open space will be used as a temporary car park. Why is that?

The new building is generating a lot of interest in the community, as well as at national and international level. To accommodate the anticipated high levels of activity at the AIC for its first Ramadan, Council has agreed to allow temporary parking on the land identified for the future public open space. The goal of this temporary car park is to relieve traffic and parking pressure on local streets. Council will monitor the area and undertake surveys to assess future parking needs for the AIC area.

Is the carpark really only temporary?

Yes. The carpark is a temporary arrangement and the term of this will be determined by Council.

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What will happen at the end of the Newport Islamic Society's occupancy of the land?

The Newport Islamic Society will be required to undertake rectification of the temporary car park site to return it to its previous condition. This rectification of the area will be at the cost of the Newport Islamic Society, as per the agreement with Council.

What is Council proposing to construct in front of the Australian Islamic Centre?

Council will establish public open space in front of the AIC that is relevant for the purposes of informal recreation. If you want to get involved in the project or be kept informed on the open space project, please register your interest on the Council website.

Has Council developed a design yet?

No. Council has not yet developed a design.

How can I get involved in the community consultation on the park?

You can register your interest in the project on the Council website. Council will undertake a range of communications to promote this project when it commences.

Is there sufficient car parking within the grounds of the AIC to accommodate the number of people expected to attend the centre?

People will travel to the centre in different ways. Council is looking to manage and protect resident amenity during the regular activities of the centre, however, during peak times, around Ramadan and Eid celebrations, the centre has the capacity and permission to accommodate a greater number of people. During these periods we can expect to see an increase in on street car parking and increased use of the car park at Paisley Park.

Are the arrangements in place for additional AIC parking at the Paisley Park car park?

The Newport Islamic Society is permitted to use the Paisley Park car park as an additional car park. The Newport Islamic Society will run shuttle buses from the Paisley Park car park to the AIC and will also direct members or visitors to walk via Prismall Street to Blenheim Road, continuing to the AIC.

The Newport Islamic Society will actively advise their members of the new parking restrictions and where they should park when accessing the AIC, including parking at Paisley Park.

Will there be an increase in on street parking in the surrounding streets?

The increase in parking demand in the surrounding streets is currently unknown, but there is expected to be an increased demand. However, Council will monitor the surrounding streets and undertake studies to identify any ongoing parking issues. This information,

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combined with community feedback, will inform Council's traffic management plan for the area to be undertaken at the end of Ramadan.

How can I give feedback on the parking conditions in the surrounding streets during this initial three month period?

You can provide your feedback on the parking conditions in the surrounding streets on the Council website, or contact Suzi Smolski via email ssmolski@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au or telephone 9932 1145.

Why is Council constructing a new footpath on Blenheim Road?

There is an existing footpath connection to the southern corner of Bayside Secondary College that does not extend the entire length of Blenheim Road. As part of the AIC construction works Council is completing the footpath on Blenheim Road to enhance safety for pedestrians accessing the school, the Altona Miniature Railway and the AIC.

There has been talk of additional parking on Ross Road. Is this an option?

No. Ross Road is an unmade road reserve in poor condition and is not usable or safe. There are no plans to provide additional parking or access in this location.



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