Central Coast Visitor Centre

Information for Visitors with Access Needs

# About

The new, modern Visitor Centre at Marine Parade, The Entrance is the best place to start a journey of exploring the beautiful Central Coast.

Trained staff are on hand for any questions with a large range of tourism brochures and sustainable merchandise for visitors and locals alike.

The new centre is step-free, has a large amenities and toilet block, and is located close to outdoor facilities, like shaded BBQ areas and Memorial Park with waterside views.

# Overview

The Central Coast Visitor Centre (CCVC) is an accredited visitor servicing hub run by knowledgeable staff and volunteers. Staff share on-hand information and recommendations about great local experiences and itineraries.

The CCVC is co-located with toilets (including a Changing Places adult change facility), BBQs and a small, fenced playground. It’s located next to the waterfront and walking distance to shops and cafes.

Facilities include:

* Printed and interactive local information
* Products from local makers and creators
* Staff trained in disability and inclusion

Welcoming and appropriate for:

* Manual and Motorised Wheelchairs
* Visitors with Reduced Mobility
* Non-English Speaking Visitors
* Intergenerational Visitors
* Assistance Dogs with Certification
* Trained staff in Hidden Disabilities
* D/deaf and Hard of Hearing Visitors
* Blind or Sight-Impaired Visitors
* Neurodiverse Visitors

# Getting there

Central Coast Visitor Centre, Marine Parade, The Entrance NSW 2261

## Distances

Wyong 25-minute drive (17km)

Gosford 32-minute drive (24km)

Sydney 1hr 35min drive (M1) (110km)

Newcastle 1hr 10min drive (65km)

## Nearby

‘Pelican Time’ 3-minute walk (200m)

North Entrance Beach 3-minute drive (1.2km)

Picnic Point Reserve 12-minute walk (850m)

Grant McBride Ocean Baths 4-minute drive (1.4km)

# Getting around

Central Coast Visitor Centre is conveniently located near Memorial Park with ample free parking and allocated bus and accessible parking. There are 4 short term, 15-minute car parks at the front of the centre.

There’s step free access from the accessible parking areas and ramped access alongside the building from the shaded BBQ areas near Memorial Park.

An outdoor area with seating and tables is located at the east side (Park-side) of the building for enjoying the sun and good views across the park. There is a shaded, fenced playground located with the BBQ areas – it has soft-fall surface, seating and a ‘birds nest’ inclusive swing.

From the Central Coast Visitor Centre, it’s a flat, 3-minute walk to The Entrance’s much-loved Kids Play Fountain and ‘Pelican Time’ feeding experience (on weekends and holidays). Here you’ll find cafes and restaurants, beach-front seating and shaded areas.

All areas in this vicinity are connected by flat, wide paths, making it easy to navigate for all visitors.

# Accessibility

Accessible Parking Yes, 2 at entrance, 2 at beach-front

Accessible Toilet Yes, Changing Places and Unisex Accessible Toilet (LH)

Ambulant Toilet Yes, female and male ambulant

Step- Free Yes, ramps provided and flat walkways

Surface Concrete, bitumen

Sounds Videos playing, birds nearby

Smells -

Light Natural daylight, night lighting

Temperature Climate controlled

## Accessible parking

Two allocated car parks at beachfront, two located on eastern side both with ground markings and bollard.

## Changing places

A Changing Places facility is located on the south side with hoist, fold down change bed, basin, privacy screen and sharps disposal.

## Accessible Toilet

There is a unisex accessible toilet (LH) with grabrails and accessible basin. A baby change is installed.

## Ambulant Toilets

There are female and male ambulant cubicles located on the car park side (eastern side) with handrails and basins within the cubicle.

## Stairways

There are steps leading down to the BBQ/playground area from the rear of the building (with tactile indicators).

## Ramped Access

A ramp runs down from the front-left side of the building to the BBQ areas.

## Reception design and seating

Comfortable seating throughout with an open style design; low counter and mobile phone charging facilities.

## BBQ Facilities

Covered free-to-use electric BBQs, picnic tables and seating are located on the beach side.

## Playgrounds

A small, fenced playground is located within the BBQ area. The Kids Play Fountain, can be found nearby at The Entrance Road.

## Weather/Temperature

Check the local weather and dress suitably for the occasion – be sun-smart and stay hydrated. The Centre is climate-controlled.

# Your destination

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