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SHIRE COUNCIL

OPERATIONS OF OUTDOOR POOLS POLICY

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1. AIM

This policy outlines the service levels for the operations of Greater Hamilton Outdoor Pools.

2. APPLICATION

This Policy applies to the Southern Grampians Shire Council's six outdoor pools.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is legally responsible for the management of Council six outdoor pools.

4. SERVICE LEVELS

Heated Pools are located in Hamilton, Balmoral, Coleraine and Dunkeld.

Unheated Pools are located in Glenthompson and Penshurst.

4.1 Pools will be opened from 3:00pm to 7:00pm seven days a week, with the following exceptions:-

- Pools will be closed (subject to the approval of the Recreation Manager) when the air temperature forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology at 4:00pm for the next day is less than:-
 - 23 degrees Celsius for all unheated Pools.
 - 21 degrees Celsius for all heated Pools.
- All pools will open 12:00pm to 7:00pm when the when the air temperature forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology at 4:00pm for the next day is more than 35 degrees Celsius (Weekends and all of January only).

Note: The air temperature forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology will be specific to the location of the swimming pool.

4.2 Supervised early morning swimming will be offered regardless of temperature at Hamilton and Coleraine three mornings a week;

4.3 Community or Sporting groups can request special use of the pools outside these dedicated service levels during the nominated season but a fully accredited volunteer lifeguard must be on site at all times;

4.4 The Hamilton Pool will open first weekend in November and close last weekend in March while all other pools will open early December and close in March;

4.5 All outdoor pools will be closed on days determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner as having a **Code Red fire danger rating**;

5. EXEMPTIONS

Lifeguard Availability

The implementation of this policy is dependent on the availability of qualified Lifeguards in accordance with the Royal Life Saving Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every year or in-line with legislative changes.

7. COMMENCEMENT DATE

This Policy came into operation on 25 October 2017.