

OPERATIONS OF OUTDOOR POOLS

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PURPOSE

This policy outlines the service levels for the operations of Southern Grampians Outdoor Pools.

DEFINITIONS

Council means Southern Grampians Shire Council.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This Policy applies to the Southern Grampians Shire Council's six outdoor pools. Council is legally responsible for the management of Council six outdoor pools.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SERVICE LEVELS

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

Unheated Pools are located in Glenthompson and Penshurst.

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.

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

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

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.

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

LIFEGUARD AVAILABILITY - EXEMPTION

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.

IMPLEMENTATION

This Policy came into operation on 25 October 2017 and was reviewed at 14 November 2018 Council meeting and 13 November 2019 Briefing.

CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLIANCE

It is considered that this policy is compatible with the relevant human rights identified in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)*.

REVIEW

This Policy must be reviewed every year or in-line with legislative changes.