

POOL REDEVELOPMENT OPENS

10 November, 2008

The City's new 50m pool opens from 5pm on Saturday November 29, 2008.

This event will be marked by free entry for the day with the centre remaining open until 9pm. This will allow the public to experience the pool under lights. Council will also provide a free sausage sizzle and the new slide will be operating.

Access to the new 50m pool will be provided from 5pm and the slide will begin operation from 6pm.

Broken Hill City Council General Manager Mr Frank Zaknich said this was an exciting day for the Broken Hill Community.

"The new 50-metre pool provides an excellent community facility and also enhances the entire complex for recreational swimmers, children and families," Mr Zaknich said.

"The combination of the 25-metre and 50-metre pool will ensure that the complex can be used for a variety of purposes at any given time," Mr Zaknich said.

The waterslide is also generating a lot of anticipation and will provide excitement for those game enough to try it.

Mr Zaknich thanked Council's staff, Crystal Pools and local contactors and suppliers who had been involved in the \$4.5M project, which together with the generous community fundraising effort, a NSW Government Sport and Recreation Grant and project sponsorship from Country Energy, Country Water and Consolidated Plant and Quarries have made the new pool development a reality.

"There has been a sense of excitement in the community as residents watched the complex develop. Council encourages the community to join in the celebration on the first day it is open and to continue to enjoy the benefits of this major community investment." Whilst the pool will open for public use, an official opening to formally mark the redevelopment will be held on Australia Day 2009.

Entry fees will remain at the current fee of \$2 until a future date to be determined by Council. Fees for the new slide are still under consideration but will be free until further notice. Further community comment will also be called for in this regard.

The community is also invited to comment on a proposal to change the name of the North Family Play Centre to the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre.

Mr Zaknich said the redevelopment altered the character of the facilities from a pool with a play focus to an aquatic centre that catered for the needs of all sections of the swimming community.

"The current name of the centre no longer accurately reflects its intended purpose," Mr Zaknich said.



“The new name is in line with other regional aquatic centres and compliments the full range of activities that will be available,” Mr Zaknich said.

Consultation regarding this closes on December 8, 2008. Comments can be made in writing to the General Manager or at the Customer Relations Counter at Council’s Administrative Centre, 240 Blende Street, and Broken Hill.

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