



## REDEVELOPED POOL COMPLEX OPENS TOMORROW

28 November, 2008

Just in time for Summer ..... the City's redeveloped aquatic centre will open from 5pm tomorrow.

The event will be celebrated with free entry to the centre which will remain open until 9pm. This will allow the public to experience the pool under lights. Council will also provide a free sausage sizzle between 6.00pm and 7pm and the new slide will be operating from 6pm.

For those who want to be first on the slide – Council will hand out a free raffle ticket at the gate which will be drawn at 5.45pm. The winner of the draw will go to the front of the line and make their own piece of history by being the first official patron down the slide.

Costing \$4.5M, the new facility provides the Silver City with an aquatic centre comparable to those in other major regional centres.

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

"The new heated, 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 five separate pools including the existing 25-metre pool, the new 50-metre pool and the slide splash pool will ensure that the complex can be used for a variety of purposes at any given time," Mr Zaknich said.

The eight-metre high, 70-metre long waterslide is also generating a lot of anticipation and it is expected that it will be the central feature for children and teenagers at tomorrow evening's opening.

Mr Zaknich thanked Council's staff, Crystal Pools and local contactors and suppliers who had been involved in the project. 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, they have made the new pool development a reality.

"Council encourages the community to join in the celebrations tomorrow evening and to continue to enjoy the benefits of the largest infrastructure project to be undertaken by Council for many years," Mr Zaknich said.

Whilst the pool will open for public use, an official opening to formally mark the redevelopment will be held on Australia Day 2009.

Discussion regarding the most appropriate fee structure to use the facility (including the slide) will open for community consultation on Monday. **In the mean time, the entry fee will remain at the current price of \$2 until further notice.**

The proposal to change the name from the North Family Play Centre to the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre has generated a number of alternate suggestions for the centre's new name. Comments on the proposed name change can be made in writing to the General Manager, PO Box 448, Broken Hill, NSW, 2880 or at the Customer Relations Counter at Council's Administrative Centre, 240 Blende Street, Broken Hill until Monday 8 December.

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