

OPERATION OF THE WATER SLIDE AT THE REGIONAL AQUATIC CENTRE POLICY

Purpose

This policy sets out Council's approach to the responsible operation of the water slide at the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre.

Scope

Operation of the Slide accords with Gaol 4 (well maintained infrastructure) Objective 2 (ensure there is optimum use of community assets and facilities).

General Principles

Council will balance the desire to make the slide available for the enjoyment of patrons with the need to manage Council resources, including funds, in a responsible manner.

The operation of the slide will be principally determined by user demand. Operating experience has shown that the demand is driven by a number of factors including:

- 1 weather conditions
- 2 time of day
- 3 day of week
- 4 school holidays
- 5 public holidays
- 6 special functions

Although the operation of the slide will always be at the discretion of the senior pool attendant on duty, the slide will generally operate as follows:

- 1 **Hours of operation to be publicised**
Generally the slide will operate at pre-determined times. These times will be advertised on Council's website and, from time to time, in the Local Media.
Any patron that enters the pool, will be able to determine if the slide is to operate within the next 30 minutes prior to entering the pool by the display of an appropriate notice at the pool.
- 2 **Operations of the slide will be subject to demand and at the discretion of the senior pool attendant**
At all times, the operation of the water slide will be subject to demand. If, during an advertised session, demand for the slide falls below 10

individual users (or at the discretion of the senior pool attendant) the slide may be closed with 30 minutes notice.

If an advertised session is to be cut short, a sign will be placed at the slide entry and at the entry to the pool. An announcement will also be made over the aquatic centres' public address system.

- 3 **Operation of the slide will be subject to weather conditions.**
Generally, the slide will not operate if the forecast temperature as published in the BDT or by the local radio stations is below 25°C during school holidays, weekends in summer, or public holidays in summer.

At other times, the slide will not operate if the forecast temperature is below 28°C.

Signage will be placed at the pool entrance to indicate that the slide will not operate for that day.

Operation of the Slide will vary by season.

Generally, the slide will not operate between the months of May to August inclusive. Limited operation may occur in April and September according to prevailing weather conditions.

The slide operating principles set out in the draft policy detailed in the report will balance the desire to make the slide available for the enjoyment of patrons with the need to manage Council resources in a “best value” response.

Associated Policies & Documents

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