

MEDIA RELEASE

Subject: Murray Bridge Swimming Centre Season Opening

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WARM summer days swimming, picnicking, squealing down waterslides and making memories by the water are just around the corner, as the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre prepares to open for the new season at the end of this month.

The Rural City of Murray Bridge facility opens at 9am Saturday 29 October and all visitors need to book a session online before attending.

Chief Executive Officer Michael Sedgman said he was looking forward to a busy summer at the Centre, with a range of changes and events coming.

"We have a great Swimming Centre that is not only well supported by our local community, but sees people travel from far and wide to visit," he said.

"It's a great place to have a swim, catch up with family and friends, and hold events."

Mr Sedgman said booking capacity had doubled this year to allow a maximum of 400 people at a time, and swimming session times had also changed based on community feedback.

"A shorter session first up in the mornings suits our lap and rehabilitation swimmers, while allowing us to extend other session times so recreational swimmers can stay longer in the water and ensure we have enough lifeguards rostered for adequate supervision."

The Murray Bridge Swimming Centre features a heated Olympic size pool, medium size toddler pool, Water Play Park with five waterslides for children and toddlers, a 48 metre Supaslide, free gas barbeques and lush green lawns perfect for Eskies and sprawling picnics.

For those who like to travel light, an onsite kiosk during opening hours will stock goggles, caps, earplugs, floatation devices and other swimming essentials, along with food and drink.

Entry fees have not increased this year – free entry remains for children under three and aged pensioners 65 years and over.

Mr Sedgman said the Council was also promoting the Watch Around Water program which encourages parents and carers to be actively involved in aquatic supervision.

"It is important that we all take an active role in the supervision of young children when they're around water, and do all that we can to help keep them safe," he said.

Enrolments for <u>VACSWIM</u> are now open and lessons will be held from Monday 16 to Friday 20 January 2023 at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre.

Follow the <u>@murraybridgeswimmingcentre</u> Facebook page for details about coming events.

The swimming season finishes Sunday 2 April 2023.

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