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## Subject: Murray Bridge Swimming Centre Opening

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WARM sunny 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 this Saturday.

Enjoy the sun with a splash as The Rural City of Murray Bridge Swimming Centre opens its doors for the season on Saturday 28 October. The Opening event will commence with a day of enjoyable, family-friendly activities. Local service clubs will host a barbecue from 11-2pm and sausages in bread will be available for a gold coin donation.

Chief Executive Officer Heather Barclay said she was looking forward to a busy summer at the Centre, with a range of fun filled 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," she said.

"It's a great place to have a swim, catch up with family and friends and hold events. This week our staff at the swimming Centre are finalising their inductions ready to welcome you to the pool for the new season."

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.

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Entry fees have slightly increased this year – free entry remains for children under three and aged pensioners 65 years and over.

Mayor Wayne Thorley 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 15 to Friday 19 January 2024 at the Murray Bridge Swimming Centre.

Follow the <u>@murraybridgeswimmingcentre</u> Facebook page for event updates and more.

The swimming season finishes Tuesday 2 April 2024.

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