

Swimming Pool Maintenance Policy

Corangamite Shire
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Introduction

It is known that participation in sport, recreation and leisure activities derives a number of physical and mental health benefits for the individual and the community in which they are undertaken, including a sense of belonging and community connectedness. Council's swimming pools provide an important hub for interaction and whilst infrastructure is ageing, it is acknowledged Council's priority is that Corangamite residents have access to a range of sport and recreation opportunities (Corangamite Shire Council Plan 2021-2025).

Council is also committed to improving the health and wellbeing of our residents (Council Plan 2021-2025).

Council manages and maintains five outdoor swimming pools as the delegated Committee of Management of the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (Camperdown, Cobden, Skipton, Terang and Timboon) and one as land owner (Lismore).

Purpose

The aim of this policy is to establish maintenance responsibilities for Council, the Contractor and Swimming Pool Committees.

Scope

This policy applies to Council's outdoor swimming pools in the towns of Camperdown, Cobden, Lismore, Skipton, Terang and Timboon.

Definitions

'Contractor' – the party with whom Council has engaged with to undertake program and service delivery at Council Swimming Pools.

'Swimming Pool Committees' - A committee of management delegated a Community Asset Committee under Section 47 of the *Local Government Act 2020*. The committees are responsible for:

- support of the management contractor
- acting as a local contact for feedback about pool operations
- providing local input into programming, and
- planning and undertaking improvements approved by Council.

References

Corangamite Shire Recreation and Open Space Strategy 2016-2026

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025

Instrument of Delegation – Section 47 Community Asset Committee

Policy Detail

1. Council will allocate an amount for swimming pool capital renewal or upgrade projects and maintenance in each budget year to address preventative and reactive maintenance items.
2. Maintenance items will be administered by Council Officers in consideration of relevant condition and compliance audits, annual maintenance inspections and budget priorities.
3. Council will consider essential maintenance for fixed infrastructure such as pumps, filtration equipment, chemical treatment equipment and the swimming pool shell and concourse, including but not necessarily limited to:
 - Chemical tanks, cylinders and fittings
 - Chlorinators
 - Circulation and chemical pumps
 - Filtration equipment
 - Major building maintenance
 - Pool shell, concourse, expansion joints and scum gutters
 - Fencing
 - Maintaining pool surrounds and lawns
 - Swimming Pool covers.
4. The Contractor will supply and maintain items in accordance with contractual arrangements including, but not necessarily limited to:
 - Chemical and Cleaning products and equipment
 - Toilet paper and paper towel
 - Personal Protective Equipment
 - First aid and lifeguard equipment
 - Water Testing Equipment.
5. The Committee will be responsible for minor improvements to the swimming pool areas, including but not necessarily limited to:
 - Shade structures
 - Picnic Tables/BBQ areas
 - Pool toys (as approved by Council and the Contractor)
 - Activity areas and equipment (e.g. volleyball).

Council will consider matching funding for minor improvement projects in its annual budget deliberations, while Council Officers will advise and assist Committees with grant applications to relevant funding authorities.

The Contractor and Committees will be given the opportunity to advise Council on maintenance items and capital works items prior to budget considerations each year.

In the event Council determines not to engage an external provider to manage the pools, contractor maintenance responsibilities will revert back to Council.

Review Date

April 2029

Gender Impact Assessment

The Gender Equality Act 2020 requires Council to undertake Gender Impact Assessments when developing or reviewing any policy, program or service which has a direct and significant impact on the public. A Gender Impact Assessment has been undertaken, and it is considered the policy meets the needs of the people of different genders, addresses gender inequality and promotes gender equality.

Human Rights

It is considered that this Policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006.