

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 10:11 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: 2019/20 Pool Season - Binnaway

To whom it may concern,

Please find below a list of requests from Binnaway Central School regarding the proposed timetable for pool opening times for the 2019/2020 season.

- We request that the pool be opened with a lifeguard present from 2pm on Wednesdays and Fridays instead of the proposed 3pm start from October to December during school dates. This will allow our students to participate in Sport, and PDHPE Prac. during this time.

- We also request that the school be given a key so we can access the pool when it is not attended. Last season we had bookings for Sport and Intensive Swimming which were not met by lifeguards, and had to organise keys each week with short notice and often issues with communication. We will also need a list of the qualifications (and supervision ratios) which must be held by staff if we are to take school groups to the pool when unattended by lifeguards. We are unsure whether an AUSTSWIM qualified person can supervise, or whether they must hold a current Bronze Medallion.

- We will also be making bookings for the pool from mid-late November for Primary Intensive Swimming, and for all Feb. and early March for Secondary SLR. Both groups will be using the pool from 1:30-3:00pm. Will lifeguards likely be available for these bookings, or will the school be required to run these programs on our own?

Please feel free to call the school or reply to this email if you would like to discuss our requests further.

I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Jacob Black

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The General Manager,
Warrumbungle Shire Council.

25th July, 2019

Re: submission about opening hours at the Coonabarabran Pool.

Dear Sir,

Firstly I must apologise that this submission is late and should have been submitted by the 18th July. I am writing on behalf of the Aqua Fitness Group and wish to submit an objection to the change of the times a life guard will be present at the pool from 10:00 to 11:30.

This will in effect mean our Aqua Fitness group, who are one of the major users of our community pool, will not have the safety net of having a life guard present. For years we have booked a timeslot from 10:30 to 11:30 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and this fits in with school groups that use the pool for sport and learn to swim sessions.

Our group consists of many older community members who do not have any other opportunities for this form of exercise. Members of the Coonabarabran Community appreciate the time we take to offer this activity. Some participants regularly come to sessions while others may be irregular users, so those who do not feel it is worth paying for a seasonal ticket as well as the key deposit may not be able to come. I also feel that in an emergency with older people, we may not be able to help them out of the pool or get help.....we need to have an extra trained person available in case something happens that the leader of the class cannot cope with.

There have at times been up to 40 participants in a class, so the leader has a big responsibility to instruct as well as make sure everyone is OK. So far we have been fortunate that no emergency has occurred. We make sure that we are under the umbrella of Western Area Health and submit a COC before we start our program each season.

The 10:30 -11:30 timeslot has worked very well over the years and moving that time would not be suitable for any of our participants. The Coonabarabran community needs this program as can be seen by the number of participants over the summer season, it is helping to keep them healthier as well as socially connected which is good for their well-being.

I hope this submission is not too late to be counted, again I apologise for this. I'm sure our program will not be as successful if people cannot be assured of their safety or they have to have a season ticket to participate.

Yours Faithfully,



Aqua Fitness Leader.



Hand delivered

12/07/19

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12 July 2019

Dear Kevin

Re: Proposed Timetable for Pool Opening Times for the 2019/2020 Season

Thank you for your letter of 20 June 2019.

In relation to your Proposed Timetable for Pool Opening times for the 2019/20 Season, we advise as follows:

Our school uses the pool for:

- Weekly Wednesday afternoon sport during summer (from 1:40pm – 3:30pm)
- Learn to Swim sessions for our Support Unit students in Terms 1 and 4. These sessions are usually between approximately 11am and 12:30pm.
- Our annual swimming carnival in Term 1 (9am-3:30pm)
- End of year fun day on the last day of the year 1:30-3:30pm.

In the past a lifeguard has been on duty during the above school events. As a consequence our staffing ratio is 1 teacher to 20 students in line with departmental policy.

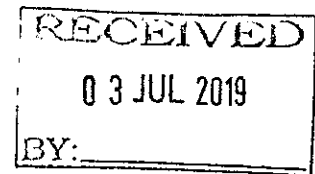
If no lifeguard is on duty then we must provide a ratio of 1 teacher to 14 students. Importantly, the provision of a lifeguard supports us in ensuring that the health and safety of our students is safeguarded whilst participating in water sports.

Accordingly, it would be our wish that the provision of a lifeguard continue during school bookings.

Thank you for considering the matters I have outlined above.

Yours faithfully

Ms Mary Doolan
Relieving Principal



Coonabarabran Swimming Club
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General Manager
Warrumbungle Shire Council
PO Box 191,
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

Re: Proposed Pool Timetable

Coonabarabran Swimming Club request that we continue to have sole usage of the town pool from 6pm - 7pm Monday - Friday.

This is to maintain consistency of club structure, retain members, and provide coaching and fitness to it members.

To change club hours after 7pm would be detrimental to the club as it would impact on the availability of coaches and suitability for families. To have to share the pool with the general public would be a distraction to club members and we feel it would be a safety issue.

To deny the community of a successful swimming club at a time when physical and mental health of children is a major concern would be damaging.

As an overall observation, we do not feel that the proposed changes are in the best interests of our community.

Yours Sincerely

Tamara Owers

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Owers".

CSC President

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2019 8:21 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Coolah Swimming Pool feedback

Dear Mr Bailey

Coolah Swimming Club would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 'Unsupervised swimming at Council pools' and 'Timetable for Pool Opening Times'. It is great to see the pool hopefully opening more in the holiday periods. In regards to the timetable, over the years our Club has booked the pool for time trials each Friday night from 6pm-7:30pm. The pool has been closed to the public from this time as our Club requires all lanes to operate effectively and safely. We haven't completed our booking forms yet for the 2019/2020 season, however would appreciate if the pool remained closed to the public from 6pm each Friday night during the school terms. During the times that the pool is closed to casual users and the possibility of a user agreement being entered into, would the Swimming Club classify for one of these or just the schools please? Our Club has qualified swimming coaches.

Katie Burgess
Secretary
Coolah Swimming Club
mobile: [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 6:30 AM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Aqua Fitness Coolah Pool

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To [REDACTED]

RE: Proposed Timetable for Pool Opening 2019/2020 Season,

With the proposed hours as they stand I feel I would have to give serious consideration to cancel this activity as a second set of eyes on the class /ie lifeguard and instructor gives comfort to all participants as well as instructor. Age and Physical ability are major factors. In the last few years we have gone in to the pool at 2pm on a Monday or Thursday when the schools where not using the pool for there sports afternoons. With the timetable change there is no time with which to use the pool with out the arrival of the children from the end of school day. The suggested hour changes are going to make community participation in activities such as this very uncomfortable and difficult due mostly to their age factor. As an instructor I have enjoyed getting our seniors into the water and improving their wellbeing and fitness, I thankyou for your past support. [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, 29 June 2019 1:09 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Proposed Timetable 2019/20 Season

Hi

Just wanted to comment on the proposed closing time for Coolah pool over December, January and February.

I believe that the closing time of 7pm is too early. Last season when the hours were extended to 9pm the pool was well supported, especially with the installation of new lighting!

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 4:23 PM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Pool Opening Times
Importance: High

RE: Proposed Timetable for Pool Opening Times for 2019/2020

Attention: The General Manager

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the Dunedoo Central School Community to express our serious concerns in regard to the proposed Pool Opening Times for the 2019/2020 Season.

We are very concerned that there will be no Lifeguard on duty during October, November, December and February when the school utilises the pool for our Sport and Learn to Swim classes during these times. It is a massive and unreasonable responsibility to place on Teachers who are not only supervising and instructing students in the pool, but also out of the pool.

We also see this as a problem that other people may come into the pool during these times using their own key access. This poses an added risk and responsibility on school staff. We do not believe that this is a suitable situation and would result in the school not accessing the pool for its classes.

Students in rural areas are already disadvantaged compared to their peers in larger regional and metropolitan centres, this would just add to this. We also have major concerns that for some students, the only swimming lessons they may access are those provided by the schools and if we were unable to provide these classes due to inadequate Lifeguard supervision, then the incidence of drowning is likely to increase.

We believe the council has an obligation to support our local schools in providing the valuable swimming programs through employment of suitable Lifeguards during the Swim season. We are sure that both schools could come to a suitable arrangement with the Council in regard to appropriate Pool Opening times when Lifeguard supervision would be available.

Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2019 10:09 AM
To: Records Officer
Subject: Pool opening times

To The General Manager,

I am a Season ticket holder for the pools in the Warrumbungle Shire. I also have a key for access to the Dunedoo Pool for early morning lap swimming, which I greatly appreciate. I am happy with the new proposed pool timetable, however, with the introduction of heated water at the Dunedoo Pool, I was hoping the access of at least the key holders, and other interested groups could be extended for a longer period, say for an extra month at the end of the season.

Thank you

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The General Manager
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5th July 2019

Dear Sir,

Re: **Proposed Timetable for Opening Pool for 2019/2020 Season**

We have looked at the proposed changes, the extension of pool operating times and the reduced lifeguard hours. In regards to this proposal our concerns are great.

Firstly, has the Council looked at all areas in regards to their "Duty of Care", if a lifeguard is not in place? In this world of litigation, if a major incident was to occur the cost to council will far exceed the cost of having a lifeguard.

Secondly, we presume that there is a minimum standard qualification of supervising children at the pool. Our staff have First Aid training and CPR certificates. We are a staff of only 3 full time teachers. Is it expected that they complete further qualifications to satisfy your legal requirements at a Council Run Pool or do our children not Learn to Swim, as no other Learn To Swim program is offer here in Dunedoo?

As stated our school staff have first aid training. We know where our resources etc are within the school environment to administer both these to the children in our care. However, we are unfamiliar with the location of these within the pool grounds as we have always had a lifeguard present. Because we are in a small town our children and staff walk to the pool every time. It would be unfair for them to be expected to carry these with them each time they visit the pool. In the past it has been inherent in our pool costs that this will be provided. Do we now receive discounted fees because this service is now not available as part of the pool fee?

We are also unfamiliar with any pool equipment that may be found running at the pool upon arrival. This has happened several times in the past where we have had to wait whilst the lifeguard removes the equipment before our children can swim. This should not be a part of our teachers' responsibilities.

During our annual swimming carnival is the Council going to have someone at the pool to collect pool entry from parents & visitors, run the Canteen and help with the setting up of the pool for this event?

We also think it is important that a lifeguard be part of a child's experience at the pool. They need to be familiar with the use of a lifeguard for many reasons. To not have one whilst our learn to swim programs etc are running defeats the purpose of our safe practices and education programs all in which involve knowing about a lifeguard and how they can assist, which they expect to see in the location of a public swimming place.

We also question how will payment take place for schools? Staff should not be expected outside of school hours to go down and pay the schools swimming costs as not all children have season tickets.

In our opinion the extended hours with reduced Lifeguard facilities is not workable in ensuring the community's safety in a pool water environment. The extended hours, without a lifeguard, who is carrying out their correct duty of monitoring the pool side, in a pool which is Council owned and operated.

We look forward to the Council's outcome in addressing our concerns and that of the community in providing a safe environment which addresses the safety of all users.

Yours sincerely,

Sr Margaret Flood

Principal

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 25 June 2019 1:42 PM

To: Records Officer

Subject: Re: Proposed Timetable for Pool Opening Times for the 2019/2020 Season- Submission

ATTEN: General Manager

I have looked over the proposed extended pool operating times and the reduced lifeguard hours.

Realise in small communities that the running of pool facilities comes at a fairly high cost to the Council's budget but it is a facility that is greatly appreciated, by both young and old, especially during our long hot summer. With the recent upgrades to the Dunedoo pool more patronage should follow. Also realise that 'lifeguard' duties means constant monitoring at pools edge, when public are in the water, and this has not always been the case with some of our current lifeguards (I'm sure this has led to some people thinking -why do we need a lifeguard)

My main concern is that Council has looked very carefully and ensured they have covered all bases for their 'duty of care' if a lifeguard is not in place. In todays litigation world- costs to Council will far exceed the cost of having a lifeguard in place if a major incident arises. My other concern is with the Dunedoo community itself (and visitors to the town) - will they be fully aware of their responsibility once entering the pool. I am not sure how the 'key' situation is going to work when life guard is not on duty-eg, if a family buys a season ticket and are issued with a key - does this mean 15yr old Billy can take his 6 year old sister Clare to the pool and he will be responsible for her supervision!!!!-that's not going to happen, Billy will be playing in the big pool, Clare will be in the wading pool with no supervision and will be found drowned at the bottom of the pool. Maybe Council is looking at putting cameras in place and a loud speaker that will come on if wading pool is unattended. A parent supervising their child should not have to be responsible for another child who's older brother or parent is not supervising. Maybe Council is going to say that- 'When there is no Lifeguard on Duty no Children will be allowed to use the pool unless with a prearranged group booking (eg School, Swimming Instructor)'. I would only do Swimming Instructing whilst Pool lifeguard was on Duty- otherwise there is way too much responsibility on the instructor.

Other points that need to be addressed by council

1. Note sure what is meant by the holiday timetable- Lifeguard 2pm,3pm,7pm -are they only on for an hour
2. Volunteer Lifeguards- you mention weekend days may be extended if they are available- what qualifications will volunteers need and will council ensure these volunteers have these qualifications and pay for these qualifications
3. The reporting and action if bad behaviour/vandalism is happening at the pool when a lifeguard is not on duty
4. People using the pool outside hours- once they have a 'key' they could go at 11pm- is there going to be a master lock that Council will put in place after from 7pm-6am. Family's will have keys lying around the house- Billy being Billy at 15 years of age thinks its a good idea to grab some mates and some grog to have a pool party at 10pm on a friday night.

5. Ensuring that pool amenities and grounds are left in a tidy and clean state at the end of the day.
6. If solar blankets are going onto the pool- the removal and putting out of these blankets
7. Ensuring Lifeguards in place are doing their correct duty

I'm all for extended hours and in a perfect world where adults and kids all do the right thing then there wouldn't be a problem but until Council addresses the above points-and I'm sure there are many more questions that need addressing, to me, the extended hours with reduced Lifeguard facilities is not workable in ensuring the community's safety in a pool water environment. The extended hours, without a lifeguard (Who is carrying out their correct duty of monitoring the pool side), should only be early in the morning from 6am-10am for swimming training/aqua fitness, and for school groups - given that supervised teachers (and parents assisting) have the appropriate training- there may need to be some ratio here- for example for every 8 children one adult supervisor.

Look forward to the Council's outcome- it will not be easy

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Mr Kevin Tighe
Director Technical Services
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Dear Mr Tighe,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to make comment on the proposed pool times for 2019-20.

I am happy with the schedule with access to the pool between 0600- 0800 weekdays and weekends.

I will be submitting my application in due course for the Free AquaFitness classes I run in Mendooran over the summer.

I presume the times for general opening with lifeguard are 1100-1400 and then reopen at 1500 till 1800 or 1900?

Yours sincerely


21 June 2019