



# AGENDA

## EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

### 14 NOVEMBER 2019

MEMBERSHIP: Councillors J Diffey, V Etheridge, D Grant, D Gumley, A Jones, S Lawrence, G Mohr, K Parker, J Ryan and B Shields

The meeting is scheduled to commence at 5.00pm.

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#### PRAYER:

O God, Grant that by the knowledge of thy will, all we may resolve shall work together for good, we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:

"I would like to acknowledge the Wiradjuri People who are the Traditional Custodians of the Land. I would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present of the Wiradjuri Nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal peoples from other nations who are present".

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## MAYORAL MINUTE: Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre to have Gold Coin Entry to celebrate opening

**AUTHOR:** Mayor  
**REPORT DATE:** 6 November 2019  
**TRIM REFERENCE:** ID19/1456

To the Council  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Office of the Mayor  
Civic Administration Building  
Church Street, Dubbo

The opening of the redeveloped Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre is an exciting occasion for the town. With a brand new eight-lane pool including disabled access, a heated exercise and learn to swim pool, children's splash pad and new amenities, it is a tourist attraction residents should be very excited about.

The old pool had a number of structural problems and the facilities were aging, having been constructed in 1956. What the community has now is a state-of-the-art aquatic centre that will serve them for decades to come. It is superior to facilities at equivalent sized towns in regional NSW.

The people of Wellington have been extremely patient as the work has been carried out. Locals had to go without a pool for the entire 2018/2019 swim season as the redevelopment was carried out. Then there were the problems discovered during construction, due to the extent of leaking from the old pool, which caused an unavoidable delay. This resulted in the centre's proposed re-opening being moved from October to mid-November.

To show Council's appreciation for the community's understanding, I am proposing entry to the pool to be a Gold Coin entry from 16 November 2019, the day the pool officially opens, through to 26 January 2020. Approximately a 12-week period which will allow people to try the new facilities and enjoy them during the warmest months of the year.

Based on information from attendance numbers in 2016/2017, Council would forego approximately \$30,000 in earnings for the period of the Gold Coin entry. However given the likelihood of increased patronage the final figure could be higher.

I believe this small investment would be worth it to thank the people of Wellington for their patience while the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre was being redeveloped. This promotion would allow Council to showcase the new aquatic centre and give the entire community the chance to come and see everything their new pool has to offer.

I have also asked for a number of family fun days for the Dubbo and Geurie Aquatic Centres during the similar period. These are to be organised using a Gold Coin donation for entry and

include inflatables, games and activities for patrons.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- 1. That Council provide Gold Coin entry to the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre between 16 November 2019 and 26 January 2020 for patrons including Adults and Children.**
- 2. That Council host a number of family fun days for Dubbo and Geurie Aquatic Leisure Centres during a similar period for a Gold Coin donation.**
- 3. That a percentage of the Gold Coin entry fee for the Wellington Aquatic Leisure Centre be offered as a donation to a chosen charity. To be determined by the Mayor in consultation with Councillors.**

*Councillor Ben Shields*  
Mayor