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Aquatics Centre to close for 2 weeks

The Buller Electricity Aquatics Centre will be closed to the public for two weeks to enable contractors to undertake remedial works in the pool hall.

The aquatic centre will be closed from 6am on Wednesday 17 June. The closure will enable the contractor to address issues that have been raised during the first month of operation.

Remedial works will include addressing the 'slipperiness' of the concrete surface of the pool concourse and change rooms, and completion of plant commissioning and testing. It will also provide opportunity to lower water levels in the hydrotherapy pool and leisure pool to enable minor tile repairs to be completed.

"It has been disappointing to have struggled with the commissioning issues with the pool plant since opening in May, and given we are still working towards achieving preferred temperatures and a period of consistent operating, it seems sensible to take this opportunity to effect the remedial works that are required," says Lisa Hankey, Team Leader Community Services. "The remedial floor works would not be able to be easily completed while operating a service to the public, so we have chosen to close for a short period to address all the outstanding issues."

The remedial works will be completed under the construction contract and are at no extra cost.

"As well as the remedial pool works, the contractor is completing the last contract works, which include installing the remaining external cedar battens at the entrance and rear of the centre, and addressing a small number of minor finish defects" says Ms Hankey. "They plan to have all works completed and all scaffolding down by the end of the month."

"We sincerely apologise to users for the disruption in service provision, as we had planned for seamless year-round swimming for the first year in Buller. We have contacted members who have pre-paid memberships regarding the loss of service, and have asked for commitment from all the contractors involved to ensure we can re-open with confidence for the school holidays."

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