

Poowong Pool Closed for Season

The Poowong Pool will be closed for the last two weeks of the season following an investigation into the causes of a significant amount of water loss from the pool.

While the pool had been losing some water for the whole season, the volume of water being lost has escalated significantly in the last week.

Council staff and contractors have been working overnight at the pool this week to rectify the problem but it has become clear that they will need to undertake more extensive investigation work to isolate and then rectify the issue.

Council's Community Strengthening Coordinator Ned Dennis said it was disappointing that the pool needed to be closed just before the end of the season but it was necessary to ensure the pool is protected from further damage.

"The greatest risk at this stage is that the water being lost compromises the integrity of the shell of the swimming pool.

"It is unfortunate that the community will not have access to the Poowong Pool over the next two weeks but staff and contractors have been doing everything they can to remedy the issue.

"We could not have kept individuals using the pool without risking further damage and experiencing high levels of water loss.

"Council apologises for any inconvenience this may cause users but the closure will ensure we can repair the pool for future use," said Mr Dennis.

Those who have purchased season passes for the Poowong Pool may use the passes at any of the Korumburra, Mirboo North and Foster outdoor pools.

People will still have access to the other South Gippsland outdoor pools until the end of season on 13 March 2017.

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