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Temora Swimmers Dive into Extended Access with New Morning Trial

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Temora Shire Council is trialling unsupervised morning swimming at the Temora Recreation Centre this summer, offering increased access for regular swimmers, shift workers, and early risers. The initiative follows successful models in other regional towns and is backed by Council's insurer, Statewide Mutual.

"This is a real win for our regular swimmers and early risers," said Mayor Rick Firman. "Council is proud to offer increased access to the pool, supporting health, wellbeing and community connection. We've listened to our residents and responded with a practical, safe solution."

From the start of the 2025–2026 season, the outdoor pool will be available for unsupervised swimming from daylight until midday on school days, and until 10:30am on weekends and public holidays. Lifeguard supervision will resume during peak periods each day, with pool attendants on duty for the remainder of operating hours.

Unsupervised access is restricted to members only, and children must be accompanied by an adult during these times.

The initiative is a proactive move to support the health and wellbeing of the Temora Shire community. By extending pool access to early hours, Council is enabling more people to incorporate regular exercise into their daily routines — whether they're shift workers, retirees, parents, or simply early risers.

The trial includes a strong focus on safety and community input. Council has worked closely with Statewide Mutual to ensure all risk mitigation measures are in place, including swipe card access, CCTV monitoring, clear signage, and emergency response equipment.

"With the pool now available for up to 13 hours a day, there's greater flexibility for people to swim when it suits them," added Mayor Firman.

Council will seek feedback throughout the trial and present a review at the end of the season to determine next steps.

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