

Emergency Procedures

For group and school bookings, upon arrival at the Swimming Centre, please ensure that all staff liaise with the Pool Attendant/Lifeguard in order to familiarise themselves with the location of the First Aid Room and its contents and review emergency procedures (including Emergency Action Plans) at the Centre.

Emergency Action Plans can also be obtained prior to your use of the facility from Council's Facility Booking Officer on 4868 0835.

All Council facilities are staffed with qualified Lifeguards. Depending on patron numbers, Council may need to employ additional lifeguards for your booking.

Please note that while using the facility, a representative from your user group will be required to assist with supervision of your participants and monitoring of the amenities. A member of Pool staff will undertake an induction with you prior to use which will include emergency procedures.

Please note that all school activities utilising a Council facility must comply with all Department of Education and Training guidelines.

Supervision during electrical storms

The presence of lightning around an outdoor swimming pool is a safety risk and as such, Pool Attendants/Lifeguards will evacuate pools when lightning is within 10km of the aquatic venue. No electrical equipment should be used during an electrical storm and all patrons should evacuate the pool to a covered area which provides sufficient electrical earthing in the event of a lightning strike.

Access to the pool and its surrounds will be allowed only 30 minutes after the storm has moved further away than 10km or has subsided (RLSSA Guidelines for Safe Pool Operation SV31 31.4). We apologise if this inconveniences your use or event.

Hazards

The main hazards at the swimming centres are:



Deep Water



Shallow Water



Sudden Drop

Rules

- **NO** diving
- **NO** pushing
- **NO** bombing
- **NO** running
- **NO** rough play
- **NO** flips or somersaults
- **NO** glass
- **NO** alcohol
- **NO** animals
- **NO** smoking
- **NO** ball games
- **NO** sitting or standing on lane ropes

Contact Info.

Mittagong Swimming Centre (currently closed)

📍 Hume Highway, Mittagong (near Mittagong Golf Club)
☎ 02 4871 1957

Bowral Swimming Centre

📍 Cnr Mittagong Road & Oxley Drive, Bowral
☎ 4861 2598

Bundanoon Swimming Centre

📍 Erith Street, Bundanoon
☎ 02 4883 6464

Wingecarribee Shire Council Contacts

Pools and Facilities Supervisor
☎ 4868 0888

All Outdoor Pool Bookings
☎ 4868 0835

Pool Rules & Safety

This brochure is to provide as an introduction to the rules, regulations and safety information for Council's seasonal swimming centres.



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Hygiene at the Pools

- Do not swim if you have had diarrhoea in the last two weeks.
- Please shower before entering the pool.
- Children under 3 and non-toilet trained toddlers/ infants must wear tight fitting swim nappies at all times in the pool.
- Nappies must be changed regularly in the amenities and disposed of in the bin provided. Do not change nappies beside the pool.
- Take children and toddlers to the toilet frequently whilst swimming.
- Anyone with an infectious/contagious disease or skin complaint must not enter the water or change rooms.

KEEP WATCH @ PUBLIC POOLS

All users of Council's Swimming Centres must observe and abide by the Keep Watch @ Public Pools initiative.

All children aged 14 years and under must be accompanied and directly supervised by a responsible adult 16 years and over. All Council swimming pools enforce the **Keep Watch at Public Pools guidelines**.

0-5 year olds and non-swimmers: Parents/guardians must give all of their attention, stay close to them (within arm's reach) and watch them continuously;

6-10 year olds: Be close, be prepared to enter the water, and maintain constant visual contact

11-14 year olds: Maintain visual contact

Conditions of Entry.

Use of the facility may be hazardous. You enter at your own risk.	Users of the facility must obey all signage within the centre.
Patrons must not damage pool property or facility equipment	Patrons must follow the instructions of the Lifeguards at all times
Admission fee must be paid or pass shown prior to entry	Recognised swim wear must be worn at all times
Patrons must shower before entering the water	No abusive, offensive behaviour, bad language or spitting
No pushing or rough conduct in or around the pool	No bombing, running or flipping. Stay off the lane ropes
Glass and sharp objects are not permitted in the Centre	Mermaid tails or Mono Fins are not permitted
Do not litter. Use the bins provided.	Smoking, alcohol and illicit drugs are strictly prohibited
No ball games, water pistols, boogie boards, surfboards or unapproved inflatables	No photos or video recordings are to be taken in the facility without approval

Why a Spectator Admission Fee?

Council's swimming facilities operate on a user pays basis to contribute to insurance, cleaning, maintenance, lighting and heating costs. While you may not be swimming, you are still using the grounds and amenities and covered by insurances.

Without a spectator fee there could also be dishonesty and abuse of the system by members of the public who may try and swim for free by stating they were only spectators. This would be very hard to police. There could also be an increase in theft, assault and child protection implications if the amount of people walking in and out increased due to the lack of any fee.

Diving/Dive Starts

Wingecarribee Shire Council complies with Royal Life Savings Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations for safe water entry methods for competitions and recreational diving. (SV12, 12.4 & SV13) Based on the pool depth and concourse height, Council recommends the following for each of our facilities:

Bowral Swimming Centres:

Deep end of 50m pool - Dive starts permitted.

Shallow end of 50m pool and all other entry points - In water starts. No dive starts permitted.

Mittagong & Bundanoon Swimming Centre:

In water starts at all entry points. No dive starts permitted unless under the direct supervision of a qualified coach who has supplied relevant qualifications to Council's Booking Facility Officer. Dive starts will then be permitted at the deep end of the pool only.

If you undertake Competitive Dive starts please ensure appropriate induction, training and competitor announcements are undertaken in accordance with GSPO and DET requirements.