

Pools Fees & Charges Review

Why the review

Within the annual BVSC review of fees and charges it was identified there was opportunities to provide fairer and more consistent fee and membership options for use of BVSC aquatic and leisure facilities. Through fairer and more consistent options, we hope to add options and flexibility, increase facility attendance and provide value to the community.

Aim

The aim is to develop a fairer and more consistent entry fee and membership structure.

What we thought about

- What we currently offer and what else we could offer to provide greater flexibility and value for all.
- What other councils and similar facility types offered.
- The services and facilities we offer and if the existing fee and membership structure reflected this.

Other Information

When reviewing BVSC fees and charges, we also assessed fees and charges from swimming pool and fitness facilities in the southern NSW region. We determined that some of our fees were proportionately more expensive than other similar sized and larger facilities in other shires.

Main outcomes / changes

- Fairer distribution of fees between Sapphire Aquatic Centre (SAC) and the BVSC Seasonal Outdoor Pools. Recognising the higher provision levels at SAC some memberships have increased; and seasonal memberships at outdoor pools have decreased.
- Consolidation of the SAC Gym and Group fitness memberships into one membership. This will allow members to use both of these services.
- Full facility memberships have become more affordable, allowing more members the opportunity to use all of our facilities.
- Increased 'multi pass' options at SAC and 'Shire Wide Pools' passes to provide more flexibility.
- Introduced concession rates for a number of our membership and fee options.
- The casual childminding fee has been reduced from \$6.50 to \$3.50, and an affordable childminding 10 visit multi pass and a membership option has been introduced. (1.5hr session)
- In fairness to all members free childminding is no longer included in membership fees. The reasonable user charges above have been developed.

Summary

The draft pools fee structure looks to provide more flexibility, consistency and fairness across all pools in the Shire with the aim being to provide greater value to the community and increase all facility attendances.

We would appreciate your feedback on our proposed changes.

More information is available on Council's website under ['Exhibition of Council's plans for the future'](#)

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