

Swimming Lake & Pool Use Permit

Frequently Asked Questions

Wattle Range Council operates three swimming facilities located in Millicent, Penola, and Nangwarry. Below are some frequently asked questions in relation to hire of our facilities. For further information, please visit www.wattlerange.sa.gov.au or contact Council's Engineering Services Office on (08) 8733 0901.

How do I make a booking?

To make a booking simply complete the Swimming Lake & Pool Use Permit Form and submit to engineering@wattlerange.sa.gov.au along with a copy of your current public liability insurance. Bookings require a **minimum** of 7 days notice unless you are supplying your own lifeguards. If you would like to check availability of the pool prior to booking, please contact Council's Engineering Services Office on (08) 8733 0901.

Who can make a booking and for when?

Any community group, education provider, or private citizen can make a booking. Priority is given to public access and hire during public opening times is highly discouraged and may not be approved. Refer to Council's webpage *Swimming Lake and Pools* for opening times.

What information do I need to provide with the Permit Form?

Along with the completed Permit Form, Council also require a copy of your current public liability insurance to the sum of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) against all actions, costs, claims, damages, charges and expenses whatsoever. The permit will not come into operation until the insurance has been provided. Further documentation will be required if the hirer is supplying their own lifeguard, for details, refer to section below; *Can I arrange my own lifeguard(s)?*

Lifeguards

Does my booking require lifeguards?

It is a condition of hire that suitably qualified lifeguards are on the pool deck at all times to supervise all bookings. Council supplies lifeguards at the hirer's cost. Council does not allow hire of any of its swim facilities without a suitably qualified lifeguard present.

Can I arrange my own lifeguard(s)?

Yes, with the condition that the lifeguard's qualifications are provided to Council with the Permit Form no later than 7 days prior to the booking. Qualifications include Pool Lifeguard Certificate or Bronze Medallion, Working With Children Check, and First Aid Certificate. All qualifications must be current.

Can my swim instructor be the lifeguard?

No. It is a condition of hire that suitably qualified lifeguards are on the pool deck at all times, not in the water. If an instructor is in the water, they cannot be the lifeguard.

How much does it cost to hire a swimming facility?

Council do not currently charge a hire fee, however costs can be incurred through lifeguard hire, additional cleaning, access to power, and additional waste support. These are charged at cost. The minimum fee for lifeguards is 3 hours (including 2 hours of swim time). Every booking requires 30 minutes for lifeguard pool opening/closing in addition to the swim time. Fees are invoiced after the hire has taken place unless by arrangement. Any changes or cancellations within 7 days will incur full cost.

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| Council lifeguard (min 3 hours) Monday to Friday | \$50.00 per hour per lifeguard |
| Council lifeguard (min 3 hours) Saturday / Sunday & Public Holidays | \$55.00 per hour per lifeguard |

Can I hire swim equipment to use during my booking?

Equipment such as kickboards, life jackets etc may be available for hire. Please contact Innovative Leisure Management on innovativeleisuremanagement@outlook.com to discuss and arrange.

Can I hire the Inflatable Obstacle Course?

Hirers may request the use of the Inflatable Obstacle Course for a booking, however, please note there are different supervision requirements for the Inflatable and may require additional lifeguards. Please contact Council's Engineering Services office on (08) 8733 0901 to discuss.

Can I enter the pool complex to setup without a lifeguard present?

No, a lifeguard is required to be onsite at all times there are patrons within the facility, this includes during setup and pack up. Hirers can request an exemption be granted by Council. These applications will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and approval is at the discretion of Council.

What are the public opening times?

Millicent Swimming Lake is closed until further notice due to major refurbishment of the facility, the toilet facilities remain open, however are locked at night to prevent vandalism. Penola and Nangwarry Pools are open from 3pm – 6pm on weekdays, and 1pm – 6pm on public holidays, weekends and during school holidays. *Please note: Penola Pool will only be open if the forecast temperature as advised by the Bureau of Meteorology at 9am is 20 degrees or above, and 23 degrees or above for Nangwarry Pool. Extended opening hours may apply at Penola when the temperature is over 30 degrees. On these nights, the pool will be open until 8:30pm or until the last patron leaves, whichever comes first.*

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