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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 29 September 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

For the purposes of context, Foxton Pools is a seasonal facility which is open during the summer months. However, from February this year, construction is underway to upgrade the facility which will allow the Pools to be open year-round. Construction is due to be complete, later this year.

“How many public pool facilities are there in your council’s control?”

Horowhenua District Council (the Council) have two public pool facilities, namely Levin Aquatic Centre and Foxton Pools.

“What is the maximum number of swimmers allowed in at a time, at each facility?”

The maximum number of swimmers allowed at Levin Aquatic Centre is 500 and Foxton Pools is 230 swimmers.

“How many days was each facility closed this year, outside normal days they are shut, up to September 30th?”

Levin Aquatic Centre was not closed this year, and Foxton Pools closed 28 days earlier than the normal season end date to allow for construction to commence on site.

“How many days was each facility partially closed this year, up to September 30th?”

Levin Aquatic Centre was partially closed 9 times and there was no partial closure at the Foxton Pools.

“How many people used the pool facilities this year to September 30th, on average, per day?”

489 people have used the Levin Aquatic Centre, and 95 people have used Foxton Pools

“What was the reason for the closures and partial closures?”

At the Levin Aquatic Centre, seven days were for public holiday hours (reduced hours 11am-6pm), and two days we were closed due to power supply issues. Foxton Pool is closed due to construction.

“How many days was each facility closed last year (2022), outside normal days they are shut, for the full calendar year?”

There were no closures at either pool in 2022.

“How many days was each facility partially closed, in 2022?”

Levin Aquatic Centre and Foxton Pools were partially closed for 7 days.

“How many people used the pool facilities in 2022 on average, per day?”

547 people used the Levin Aquatic Centre, and 87 people used Foxton Pools.

“What was the reason for the closures and partial closures?”

Changes to public holiday opening hours and closures due to power cuts.

“How many days was each facility closed last year (2021), outside normal days they are shut, for the full calendar year?”

Levin Aquatic Centre was closed a total of 22 days, and Foxton Pools 15 days.

“How many days was each facility partially closed, in 2021?”

Both pools were partially closed for 9 days.

“How many people used the pool facilities in 2021 on average, per day?”

437 people used the Levin Aquatic Centre and 68 used the Foxton Pools.

“What was the reason for the closures and partial closures?”

Change to public holiday opening hours and COVID19 restrictions.

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