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LGA Approves Royal Life Saving Society SA for Safety Audits of Council Pools

The Local Government Authority has given the green light to the Royal Life Saving Society SA to conduct vital safety audits across council-operated pools. These audits are designed to identify potential hazards and proactively mitigate risks to the public. In an exemplary demonstration of commitment to safety, the Gawler Aquatic Centre emerged as a beacon of compliance during the initial audit phase.

Key Points:

- The aggregate score of 90.49% compliance for the Gawler Aquatic Centre situates it as the most compliant pool ever assessed in South Australia.
- This achievement underscores the unwavering commitment of the facility's staff to ensure the safety and well-being of the community that utilises this beloved establishment.

In April 2023, the Royal Life Saving Society SA carried out a comprehensive safety audit of the Gawler Aquatic Centre. The results of this audit are a testament to the dedication of both the facility's staff and the Royal Life Saving Society SA's rigorous safety protocols.

The Gawler Aquatic Centre achieved a remarkable score of 100% compliance in critical areas such as Work Health and Safety (WHS) and Aquatic Programs. Additionally, it scored nearly 100% in the areas of Supervision, Plant, and Chemical Management.

The safety audits, conducted according to the Guidelines for Safe Pool Operations, represent the gold standard for the operation of aquatic facilities. These guidelines, overseen by the Royal Life Saving Society Australia, provide an all-encompassing framework to prevent drowning incidents by offering comprehensive recommendations and directives.

These guidelines cover various critical aspects, including but not limited to:

- Work Health and Safety
- Emergency Planning
- Qualification and Training
- Aquatic Programs
- Supervision
- First Aid
- Plant and Chemical Management
- Changing Facilities
- Lap and Lane Pools
- Leisure and Learn-to-Swim Pools

Quotes attributable to Gawler Mayor Karen Redman:

"In light of the audit's findings, I am immensely proud, as the Mayor, to have this exceptional facility right on our doorstep. The staff of the Gawler Aquatic Centre has demonstrated their unwavering commitment by wholeheartedly embracing the suggested improvements outlined in the audit report."

"These proactive steps will be diligently undertaken over the upcoming pool season. With a shared vision of excellence, our ultimate goal is to achieve an even higher score when the audit is revisited in 2025."



Quotes attributable to Town of Gawler CEO Henry Inat:

"The comprehensive audit report will be presented to the Audit Committee during its meeting on 17 October 2023. This presentation will serve as a testament to the dedication of the Royal Life Saving Society SA, the cooperation of the Gawler Aquatic Centre staff, and the unwavering commitment of local authorities to prioritise public safety.

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