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TENTERFIELD POOL SET TO OPEN FOR THE SUMMER

Council staff have been in a quandary regarding opening the Tenterfield pool facility during the current water crisis, however, thanks to a very generous benefactor who is donating water to offset what is consumed by the pool, the Tenterfield Memorial Pool is set to re-open on Saturday, 5 October 2019 for the swimming season.

"This means we will now be able to open those 2 lanes we thought we would have to leave closed", joked Mayor Peter Petty.

The very generous benefactor, located in the Brisbane Valley, has given a commitment to Council to truck in 5 million litres (5 mega litres) of water from their location. With a B-double capacity of 41,000 litres, that is approximately 122 round trips.

As the pool takes 1 million litres (1 mega litre) to fill from empty and an additional 250,000 litres for water conditioning, this generous assistance is greatly appreciated.

"Despite the ongoing drought and water restrictions, not opening the pool this summer was seen as a desperate, last resort", said Mayor Peter Petty.

"There are a lot of our residents struggling with the dry and the ability to swim has to be beneficial for people's mental health. In addition, we don't want to have the situation where a generation of kids failed to learn to swim. It will rain, and we will again have water in our dams and rivers and Council has an obligation to ensure that kids learn to be safe around water", Mayor Petty added.

Council staff, together with the pool contractor, are currently hard at work preparing the complex for use, including wrangling with an antiquated compressor that may need total replacement.

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