

Manager Update Season 23/24

First of all I would like to state that I am very grateful to be involved as manager at the Dave Hume Pool for my second season now. I really enjoyed my return to the aquatics industry last year for the 23/24 season.

It was very clear to me that there were good systems in place, thanks to Peter, that I could pick up and run the pool with. A matter of learning our suppliers, contacts and daily processes.

The season was not without its difficulties, as with any 24/7 operation, at some point the plant is bound to throw some curb balls. We had issues with the small pool pump needing replacement, replaced under warranty.

The new cl2 generation system has been working well, although have found it to cause the water to be salty. Upon research we have found that this is normal for the system and that can be managed if necessary through dilution.

Other than a couple of power cuts throughout the season the main pool ran pretty smoothly, with the identification of the need of a new float valve during the off season.

We had 1 major breakin at the pool which caused damage to the office door, damage to cash register and security system and theft of confectionary. We had 1 attempted breakin but with the use of deadbolt he was unable to get in again. The thief was caught and spent a few month in jail for his efforts.

We lost a couple of staff early and mid season and one lifeguard had to head away due to bereavement which put considerable stress on the roster for both the lifeguard and splash instructor team. The remaining staff at these times were great and pulled together to fill the gaps and we got by before finding replacements. By the end of the season we had a full roster and a great team of both lifeguards and instructors.

Before the close of the season we made the decision to stay open into April with shortened hours. It was really great to see the pool so well supported during this time. Due to this we made the decision to open earlier to the usual open date with shortened hours and again the pool was well attended and both well worth the offer.

I would like to finish by thanking you all to continually support the pool and I am very glad to be involved in this iconic local facility.

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