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Drought Closes Playgrounds

The Balonne Shire Council is being forced to temporarily close the main parks in Thallon and Bollon as drought conditions worsen.

Mayor, Richard Marsh, said the Thallon Town Park and the Walter Austin Park in Bollon are being inundated with drought stricken kangaroos making them unsafe play areas for the local children.

“Seeing the drought impact like this is distressing for everyone and we are working towards implementing a clean-up plan and possible fencing solution in the new year.”

Cr Marsh said in the meantime Council is offering the communities of Thallon and Bollon free entry to the St George swimming pool for the duration of the school holidays.

“This will give everyone living in the 4497 and 4488 postcodes a refreshing, enjoyable and safe place to play with their children over the summer.”

Cr Marsh said drought continues to take a tremendous toll on the region and he hopes the free entry to the St George pool will provide some respite from the heat, dust and flies.

He said to gain free entry people simply need to show proof of address at the main pool gate.

“Our pool staff are ready to receive happy customers and arrangements for monitoring the two parks have been put in place for the Christmas break,” Cr Marsh said.

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