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Changes to Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre

The YMCA is partnering with the City of Marion to manage the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre from Saturday, February 21.

During the transition period, it will be business as usual for sporting clubs and groups which hire or lease the facility, along with health and fitness club members.

Casa Leisure Pty Ltd has leased the Morphettville centre from the City of Marion since 2004.

The lease, which expired in September last year, has not been renewed and the City of Marion has future plans to tender for a permanent facility operator.

The centre comprises two sports stadiums, a fitness centre, a creche and rooms leased by two gymnastics clubs.

The health and fitness centre caters to about 1000 members while the stadiums are hired out to sporting clubs and used by about 600 people weekly.

City of Marion Chief Executive Officer Mark Searle said the changes were an opportunity to strengthen the centre.

"The YMCA is a highly-respected operator of community gyms and sporting stadiums and I'm delighted they are managing the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre," Mr Searle said.

"I want to thank Casa Leisure for their service to the community of Marion for the past 11 years and I wish them well in their future endeavours."

YMCA Chief Executive Officer Haydn Robins said it was a great opportunity to engage with the local community through the centre.

"We are excited at the opportunity to work with the City of Marion to deliver leisure and fitness services to the Marion community," Mr Robins said.

"The priority now is to ensure a smooth transition and I anticipate it will be business as usual for users of the centre."

Mr Robins said the YMCA has offered to employ existing Casa Leisure staff at the centre.

YMCA has been providing quality aquatic and recreation management services for more than 160 years and is South Australia's most experienced and innovative operator of community recreational facilities.

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The temporary arrangements will remain in place while council conducts a long-term review of the centre to identify potential new operators.

Users of the centre requiring more information can contact James Lomax of the YMCA on 0407 185 194 or email james.lomax@ymca.org.au

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