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### **Business as usual as submissions open for centre**

Submissions for the future operation of the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre will open on January 18 as the next stage in the City of Marion's search for a long-term operator for the venue.

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

The Morphettville centre includes two sports stadiums, a fitness centre, a creche and two purpose-built gymnastic areas.

City of Marion general manager city development, Abby Dickson, said this was an exciting opportunity for the community and businesses.

"The City of Marion is seeking innovative and sustainable proposals for the future of the centre," Ms Dickson said.

"We have developed a rigorous process to attract proposals that meet the needs of our community, are commercially viable, connect to other facilities in the area and consider existing tenants.

"The centre will continue to operate as usual until further notice."

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre will be available from January 18 via the City of Marion website [marion.sa.gov.au/mlfc](http://marion.sa.gov.au/mlfc) and on the SA Tenders and Contracts website [www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do](http://www.tenders.sa.gov.au/tenders/index.do)

Submissions must be received by February 26.

The centre is currently managed by the YMCA via an agreement with the City of Marion which will continue throughout the process.

Organisations making a submission must be available to meet with City of Marion to discuss their proposal between February 29 and March 7.

Council expects to consider proposals for the operation of the facility at its meeting of March 22. The anticipated handover date to the successful applicant is June 1.

Potential operators may propose alternative uses for the site.

The Marion Leisure and Fitness Centre is on Oaklands Rd, Morphettville.

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