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Community party for pool's 40th birthday

Families are invited to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre at a community pool party on Sunday, 31 January.

Visitors will enjoy free activities, including unlimited use of the 70-metre water slide, live music, a rock climbing wall, bouncy castle and reptile handling show.

There will be roving entertainers, face painting and an arts and crafts market.

Young adventurers can test their agility on an 18-metre inflatable obstacle course that will be installed in the main pool and includes Tarzan ropes and a slide.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the event would be a fitting celebration of the outdoor pool.

"The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre is an exceptional community facility and we've put together an exciting event for families," Mr Hanna said.

"The pool has been part and parcel of our community for 40 years, a place where parents and their children have learnt to swim, have fun and relax.

"I can't think of a better way to celebrate the pool's 40th birthday and the Australian summer than by having a swim, taking on the water slide and relaxing on the grass with a barbecue."

The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre includes a 50-metre, eight-lane pool, two shaded pools for learners and toddlers and shaded lawns.

The pool was opened by former Marion Mayor Ralph Grey on 24 January, 1976, and cost \$808,000 to build.

A 10-metre high water slide was installed in November 2014 and has already been used more than 20,000 times.

More than 73,000 people visited the pool last year.

The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre birthday event is on Sunday, 31 January.

Entry is \$3 per person and includes free activities from 11am to 4pm.

Mayor Hanna will deliver a welcome speech at 12 noon.

A barbecue will be available.

The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre is located on Oaklands Rd (cnr Hendrie Street), Park Holme. Call 8276 4939 for more information or visit marion.sa.gov.au/swimming-centre

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