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Outdoor pool gears up for bumper season

The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre is gearing up for a bumper season with its first 'happy hour' which gives visitors free use of the water slide from 10.30am to 11.30am every Sunday.

New outdoor settings including tables and chairs, three giant umbrella shades, and a disability access lift have been installed in time for the summer season which gets underway on Tuesday, 4 October.

Additionally, the pool's grassed areas are now being irrigated by stormwater treated at Oaklands wetland and solar panels will be installed during the coming season.

Mayor Kris Hanna said the pool was ready for another busy season after attendances increased last year by more than 10,000 to 84,000.

"Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre is increasing in popularity and we've made improvements that will make it even more enjoyable for visitors," Mr Hanna said.

"The new disability lift is more user friendly, and provides access to the main pool and learner's pool.

"Sunday's happy hour at the slide is our way of saying 'thank you' to visitors.

"The pool's outdoor setting is unique, allowing people to relax on the grass, enjoy a barbecue, and swim."

Using the water slide normally costs \$7.50 for 10 rides. The slide is open at weekends and school holidays from 10.30am to 4pm, and weekdays from 4pm to 6pm when temperatures are forecasted to be above 27c.

The slide is open to children over 120cm tall, while smaller children must be accompanied by an adult.

The slide stands 10m high and features a series of sweeping twists and turns, a 30m fully enclosed tunnel with multi-coloured lighting, and a 40m open air section.

The centre has a 50m pool which is used by casual swimmers as well as people who want to train. There are also shaded learner and toddler pools.

The Marion Outdoor Swimming Centre is located on Oaklands Rd (corner Hendrie Street), Park Holme, and can be contacted on 8276 4939.

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