

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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Make a splash this summer and become a lifeguard

Summer is just around the corner and what better place to be than at the Tennant Creek town pool as a lifeguard.

Barkly Regional Council is encouraging locals wanting to be a lifeguard or update their skills to book training courses available this month with Royal Life Saving NT.

Director of Community Services Stephen Dawkins said Council is aiming to open the Tennant Creek Swimming Pool before the end of September and would like a pool of paid lifeguards ready for the season.

“We are currently in the recruitment process for a pool manager and the successful candidate will need a team of reliable people from the community for early morning sessions and weekend work.”

Mr Dawkins said being a lifeguard is more than just knowing how to swim. “It truly is one of the most rewarding jobs. Along with staying fit, saving lives and enjoying the outdoors, lifeguards gain useful life skills.

“Lifeguards play an important role in the community, too. They have the ability to educate patrons on pool and water safety which is essential to preventing accidents from occurring. If a lifeguard sees a child misbehaving in the water, they can explain the rules and educate them on the reasons behind the safety measures.”

Royal Life Saving Society NT will be in town from 18-22 September to conduct the following training courses: First Aid Online and Assessment Workshop (\$180) will be delivered on Monday, 18 September from 4-7pm with Resuscitation (CPR) (\$80) from 4-6pm; Bronze Medallion Training (\$180) on Tuesday, 19 September from 10am-4pm, with Bronze Medallion Update (\$90) from 4-6pm; Pool Lifeguard Training (\$280) on Wednesday and Thursday, 20-21 September, from 10am-4pm with a Pool Lifeguard Update (\$180) on 21 September from 4-7pm.

All training courses require prior booking and First Aid Online will require prior work, so call Royal Life Saving NT on 8981 5036 or the Director of Community Services Stephen Dawkins on 8962 0025 for details before COB on 13 September.

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