



KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL

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Katherine YMCA Pool

The most recent test taken on 28 September 2017 at the Katherine YMCA Pool has returned a result of 0.84 micrograms/litre of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which is above the national recreational water quality guideline of 0.7 micrograms /L.

The first result from samples taken on 7 September 2017 was 0.6 micrograms/litre, the second test taken was on 11 September 2017 and it was 0.54 micrograms/litre both of which were below the national recreational water quality guideline.

While trend analysis is usually required, Katherine Town Council recognises the community sensitivities around the issue of PFAS and has taken the proactive step to temporarily close the swimming pool to immediately address this situation.

Council will rely on the Australian Department of Defence to assist in identifying an appropriate management plan to address the issue and ensure that the pool water quality is within national guidelines.

As an interim solution, this will include securing other sources of water to replenish the pool and further testing to be undertaken.

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