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Date: Friday, 25 January 2008

Recycling system for Eureka Pool

What: Start of new recycling system
When: Friday 25 January at 2pm
Where: Eureka Pool, Stawell Street, Ballarat
Who: Acting Mayor Cr Des Hudson

A new water recycling system at the Eureka Pool which will treat and recycle more than 1.5 million litres of water per year will be switched on tomorrow, Friday 25 January, at 2pm.

More than 2 million litres of water are currently being discharged to waste from the pool every year. The Triton recycling unit will enable nearly 90% of this water to be returned to the pool.

The wastage has been occurring by the need to clean the pool's filters regularly. The water used to clean the filters has then been discharged. The new system has a self-cleaning capacity and regularly pushes small amounts of water back through the filters. It is only this water which is then discharged.

Acting Mayor Des Hudson said that it was important that Council took every possible step to ensure the pools are as water-efficient as possible.

"With the adoption of this system, Ballarat has become a leader in the implementation of state-of-the-art water-saving systems in Victoria. This is the first installation in the state of this ground-breaking technology, which has already been very successful in New South Wales and Queensland.

"Council was able to make a special allocation of funds available to improve water efficiency at all of its pools.

"Patrons will notice no difference in water quality."

"We chose the Australian-made Triton unit as the most cost and water effective after looking at various systems available."

The same system will be installed at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre and is set to be operational there in February.

The water produced by the Triton unit are guaranteed to be free of pathogens and exceeds Vic Health guidelines for pools.

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