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Thanks Wyndarra and Tall Timbers

Council would like to acknowledge the efforts of Wyndarra Centre and Tall Timbers in providing Therapeutic Pool services to the Circular Head Community.

Tall Timbers have provided access to a warm water pool for Circular Head for the past 14 years.

In 2005 Council and Tall Timbers entered into an agreement to enable the pool being built by Tall Timbers to be accessed for hydrotherapy services. This agreement concluded at the end of 2009 after which Tall Timbers continued to provide access to service providers on commercial terms.

Circular Head Mayor, Daryl Quilliam says "The cooperation between Council and Tall Timbers, allowed therapeutic pool services to be offered to people in Circular Head. Without this happening people would've needed to travel to Burnie to access these services."

Wyndarra Centre Inc have been operating services at the Tall Timbers Pool since 2011 stepping into provide the service after other providers stepped away. According to Tammy Edwards from Wyndarra "Wyndarra endeavoured to find rehabilitation providers to operate the service, as it had become increasingly unviable for Wyndarra to subsidise the service. The timing is right with the opening of Swirl for Wyndarra to transition out of this service."

Tall Timbers Pool was designed and built primarily for guests to the hotel. Tall Timbers generously allowed greater community access for essential services during the 3 and half years Circular Head was without a pool.

Due to the ceasing of the service by Wyndarra, Tall Timbers Manager John Dabner stated, "If a service provider was looking to come to Circular Head, Tall Timbers would then enter suitable hire arrangements for use of the pool and continue to offer the community service that it has for many years."

Smithton Wellbeing Indoor Recreation and Leisure, was not built for hydrotherapy, but with qualified staff operating on-site it provides a publicly accessible facility for a range of wellbeing activities.

At the moment people using the Wyndarra service are being supported to transition to using Swirl. According to Swirl manager Stephen Stone "With support and advice people are able to adapt the majority of the exercises that they would be doing at Tall Timbers Pool to be done at Swirl."



“On behalf of Council I would like to thank John and the board of Tall Timbers for allowing their facility to fill a need in the community, and to Wyndarra for meeting the needs of the community when other providers left Circular Head”. said Mayor Quilliam.

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Mayor Daryl Quilliam (centre right) presenting Certificates of Appreciation to Tall Timbers General Manager John Dabner (centre left), and Wyndarra Centre's Denese Ferguson (L) and Tammy Edwards (R).