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Policy – Lightning Pool Closure

When lightning is detected:

- Visually outside near 50m Pool
- Lightning alert on AOO phone app "*Lightning Alarm*"
- Radar on "windy.com" showing incoming storms within 30km

1. **AOO to Alert all Lifeguards to begin evacuating All Pools, Wellness Centre, 50m Pool Deck, Grandstands and Grassed area**. Lifeguards are to encourage patrons not to shower.
2. AOO to Notify Reception that all pools are closing for minimum 30 minutes.
3. Swim School Desk Liaison Officer will organise designated dry areas for MARC swim school only.
4. Swim clubs cannot use the clubrooms as an alternative option unless previously booked (booked facility user groups can remain in the clubrooms e.g. Yoga and Weight Watchers)
5. Aquatics to inform facility user groups in Club Rooms, that all pools are closed and patrons are NOT to enter onto 50m pool deck, they can exit via Coolibah Ave or remain within the Clubroom until pools re-open.
6. DOO and AOO to allocate staff member (**must wear area warden high vis**) at aquatics entry door to stop patrons entering aquatics. All customers entering aquatics must remain in reception foyer until advised otherwise.

==*Pool deck remains closed for 30 minutes after last lighting strike and has passed the 30km radius.*==
==*NO ONE TO ENTER ONTO THE 50M POOL DECK DURING THIS TIME.*==

7. Place **"*Area closed due to lightning*"** signs out in front of each door exiting to the 50m pool. Once the 50m area has been fully evacuated, lock doors exiting to the 50m pool.

8. Record in the *Lightning Register* book the time the pool is closed and number of lap swimmers who were affected. If any swim clubs were affected, email Facility Bookings of changes.

9. Record as a Safety Focus in the AOO Daily Running Sheet.
10. Once the lightning has moved outside of the 30km radius for 30 minutes, re-open the pools.
11. Notify Lifeguards, Reception and MARC Swim School and remove closure signs.
12. Record in *Lightning Register* time of reopening.