

MOUNT MORGAN AQUATIC CENTRE

A new aquatic centre and recreation facility for a community in need.

The Mount Morgan Pool serves a critical role, providing a range of health, social and community benefits. It's the only community pool within a 25km radius, serving not just Mount Morgan but also surrounding communities. It's where four schools hold their carnivals, where residents attend water aerobics, and where kids learn to swim.

However, the pool is more than 100 years old and it is considered beyond end of life.

Council's vision is to provide the Mount Morgan community and the wider region with a contemporary aquatic centre that meets the needs of the community now and in the years to come.

A redeveloped Aquatic Centre will:

- Be a suitable facility for leisure and fitness,
- Provide the facilities for competitive opportunities,
- Create a modern and energy efficient swimming pool complex,
- Provide a high level of safety, comfort and ease of use for all people,
- Be energy efficient in both use of materials and environmental performance, and
- Make swimming an attractive and accessible sport in the community.

Current pool at end of life

The current pool is considered beyond end of life (average commercial pool life is 50 years).

The pool has cracking tiles, non-compliant disabled access non-compliant steps, failing pump and plant room and joint failures.

Shovel-ready project

Project is shovel ready and tender documents have been completed. This project has been partially funded through the Queensland Government's Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (\$4.5 million)

ELECTION COMMITMENT

\$2 million

To complete Stage 1 of the project.

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BENEFITS



HEALTH AND SAFETY

The current pool has cracking tiles and non-compliant disabled access. It isn't suitable for many elderly users however these community members have no other nearby alternative.



COMMUNITY

A new Aquatic Centre for Mount Morgan will provide the community and local schools with a facility that they have shown they will utilise and support. This is the only public pool within a 25km radius.



SOCIAL

The community is aware of its high levels of disadvantage and the lack of community infrastructure and support programs. This is one step toward closing the gap with the wider region.

STAGE 1

Stage 1 of the Mount Morgan Aquatic Centre development will include the demolition of the current pool and plant shed and the construction of:

- A new 25-metre eight lane pool with wet deck and disabled access,
- Entry ladders and starting blocks,
- New plant shed and installation of plant equipment, including filtration and sanitation systems,
- Shade structures,
- Splash pad and shade structures,
- Change rooms, amenities and entry kiosk,
- Purchase and installation of portable grandstands,
- Landscaping, lighting and fencing, and
- Car park resurfacing.

