YEPPOON AQUATIC CENTRE $13M

CREATION OF A YEAR ROUND HEALTH AND WELLBEING AQUATIC DESTINATION

Featuring best in fitness aquatic facilities with a new competition pool, multi-purpose learn to swim pool, café and amenity upgrades, new accessibility upgrades and a grassed spectator area including car parking and landscaping improvements.

The existing Cooee Bay Sporting Complex hosts the only 50 m competitive swim facility in Yeppoon, the next closest is in Rockhampton some 40 minutes away.

It is surrounded by supporting sports facilities and a PCYC indoor/outdoor centre with accommodation for groups of up to 112 people.

The pool facility is aging, losing substantial amounts of water, beyond repair and can only be fixed through a complete rebuild. Administration and change room amenities are similarly outdated and in need of replacement.

The benefits from this project include:

- 50m pool for use by swim clubs for swim coaching, squad training, swim competitions and the public for lap swimming and fitness and by schools for learn to swim and survive classes, school swimming carnivals and recreational days.
- Multi-purpose learn to swim can be used for year-round learn to swim and dive programs, aqua aerobatics and private functions.
- Amenities and administration building to house a commercial kitchen and café, retail shop, management and administration area, showers and change rooms, first aid room, lockers, storage and cleaners room and act as the prominent entry point for the Aquatics facility.
- Accessibility features will be included to allow access to the pool for people with physical disabilities. A new street entry with connected pathways to the complex and neighbouring sporting facilities as well as additional onsite parking.

Aquatic centres result in increased social cohesion and improved health and wellbeing. These centres mean more to communities than just a place to swim, they act as a central hub where people come together. Vulnerable and elderly community members can take advantage of the therapeutic benefits of water therapy.

Success looks like ...

Creation of a year- round health and well-being aquatic centre contributing $18.54 M and 47 local jobs during construction and up to 20 ongoing local jobs per annum once operational.

Support and commitment

The Federal government under the Community Development Grants programme has provided an "in-principle" commitment of $13 million to the project.

A Deed of Agreement is yet to be signed and is dependent on submission of project supporting information which is currently in the process of being prepared.

Connection

The Livingstone Community Plan Towards 2050 is committed to providing community facilities and services to encourage healthy and active lifestyles and improving accessibility and inclusion for people of all ages and abilities.

KEY TO SUCCESS

A concept proposal masterplan was completed in 2017 which needs to be updated to reflect current future plans for the sporting clubs at the existing complex. Community engagement is soon to commence and detailed design need to be undertaken. Council is seeking confirmation of the Federal Government "in-principle" commitment of $13 million for the design and construction of the Yeppoon Aquatic Centre.

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