Introduction
Welcome to the first New Aquatics Project newsletter issued by the Rural City of Wangaratta. The Newsletter aims to provide updates to the public, WISAC users, HP Barr sporting groups, Schools and transport groups on the progress throughout the construction phase of the project and other works.

The project will require cooperation and patience of all parties throughout the construction phase to minimise inconvenience and down time to the adjacent sporting facilities and to keep WISAC operating as usual.

The Project
The project is being funded through $4.4m from the Australian Government’s Building Better Region Fund, $1.5m from the Victorian Government’s Community Sports Infrastructure Fund and $100,000 from the Wangaratta Swimming Club.

Council has also been the recipient of a $6m low interest loan through Sport and Recreation Victoria’s (SRV) Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme. The $6m will form part of Council’s $10.88m contribution to the project.
Existing Aquatic Facilities (Pools)

Below is a brief overview of the existing Aquatic facilities within WISAC.

**Toddler’s Pool**
A beach entry toddler’s pool with a water feature and depth of 0 to 0.32m.

**Warm Water Pool**
A 10m x 11m program pool, maintained at a temperature of 33 degrees, with ramp access, handrail, hoist entry and depth of 1m to 1.5m.

**25m Pool**
An 8 lane 25m x 17.5m pool, (ranging in depth from 1.2m to 2.1m) with a disabled access hoist and step entry.

New Aquatic Facilities Includes:

The new Aquatic facilities will consist of;

**Splashpad and Small Wading Pool**
A depth of 0 to 0.30m including water features.

**Warm Water Pool**
A 17m x 12m program pool, at a temperature of 35 degrees, with ramp access, handrail, hoist entry and depth of 1.1m to 1.5m.

**50m Pool**
A 50m x 20.4m outdoor pool.
The 50m pool can be set-up as;
- 50m, 8 lane FINA competition pool
- 2 x 25m short course pools (1 comp & 1 warm up pool)
- 30m regulation Men’s water polo pool
- 25m regulation Women’s water polo pool
- Disabled ramp entry.
- Will also have a rest on all four sides at 1m below water level.
- Has a minimum depth of 1.4m and slopes to 2.2m at the 18m mark.
- Lighting to 250 lux for night events.

OTHER PROJECTS

**Western Carpark (Off Park Lane)**
As a part of the Aquatic project, Council will be constructing 117 space sealed car park including 4 disabled spaces in between Barr 1 and 2 ovals.

The construction of the western carpark will commence immediately as part of Phase 1 of the project. When completed, the site compound fence may be relocated and a section of the western carpark maybe open to the public.
**HP Barr Oval No 2 Refurbishment**

Whilst this project is not funded through the New Aquatic project, Council has allocated separate capital works funding to refurbish Barr 2 oval. The refurbishment of HP Barr oval no.2 will commence later this year, however the oval will remain available for AusKick and junior football use until September 2019. After September, Barr oval no. 2 will close for the summer cricket season where Council will be working with affected groups and users about the closure and proposed works.

**Solar Panels**

Solar panels will be installed on the WISAC roof which will deliver 60kw, or around a third of the power to the facility.

**WISAC Renewal Works**

The existing WISAC pool hall & plantroom will receive some renewal works throughout the project and Council will advise and inform the public and users when the works are proposed to take place.

The works will consist of new epoxy surface to the existing pool hall, new sand filters, pumps and more efficient heating system.

*Aerial view of the current facilities*
Construction Phases

Below is a proposed phasing of the whole project. (Please note this is subject to change throughout construction process).

Council will advise of any changes through the Newsletter, Social Media, meeting with directly affected user groups (if required) and through Councils website.

PHASE 1
Site possession, site clearing, construction of western carpark, construction of shared paths from Park Lane to HP Barr Community Centre, relocation of existing underground services.

PHASE 2
Construction of the Warm Water Pool building, alteration and extension to the existing plantroom.

PHASE 3
Excavation, construction, tiling and finishing of the three pools.

PHASE 4
Completion of the access road, landscaping, removal of site amenities and fencing, and final sealing of the access road and carparks.

PHASE 5
Commissioning and training.

Works to be completed by November 2020.
Builder’s Site Compound

Phase 1- Browns Wangaratta site compound and site temporary fencing will have the largest impact on all users accessing Barr oval 1 & 2, the HP Barr Community Centre and WISAC from Park Lane.

There will be no public access within the hatched area on the plan below (within red boundary), whilst Browns Wangaratta have control of the site.

Pedestrian access from Park Lane to the HP Barr Community Centre will be immediately constructed on Barr 1 side of the site compound to allow access to the HP Barr Community Centre. Once pedestrian access is completed, Browns Wangaratta will relocate the site fencing to allow the new shared pathway for public use.

The HP Barr Community Centre will remain operational throughout the construction phase with the exception of a few small shutdowns for changes of utility services, these works will be programmed when the Centre is not in use.
Consultation

Throughout the design phase of this project, Council have had numerous meetings with the key user groups directly involved or affected by the construction of the New Aquatics Facility. Council will continue to meet with these groups throughout the construction phase.

Council will install an information notice board in the foyer of WISAC which will be updated on a regular basis with newsletters, images and information regarding the construction of the New Aquatics Facility.

Contact

If you would like an electronic copy sent directly to your email address please email council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au with your request.

Newsletters may be sent out on a fortnightly basis throughout the construction phase of the project or on an as required basis.

If you have any concerns with the construction works throughout the construction period please contact Project Managers, Allan Thrum on (03) 5722 0888 or Darren Macklan on (03) 5722 0888.