

Aquarena Outdoor Pool Refurbishment

FAQs



Built in 1970, the 50m outdoor pool has reached its end of life and is undergoing a major upgrade to extend its use for another 20 years. The \$6.1 million project is joint funded with the State Government's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund contributing \$750,000 towards the works. This is an exciting project and the result will be well worth the wait.

Project Frequently Asked Questions

When will the works begin?

Works are scheduled to begin on 20 September 2021 and will take approximately 10 months to complete with the outdoor pool reopening at the beginning of the next financial year.

Will the rest of the Aquarena still be open?

Yes, the indoor pools will remain open during the works and the rest of the facility will operate as normal with the various water sports clubs utilising the indoor pool for training and games during the summer months. A schedule of pool activities and free time will be available on our webpage.

What works are included in the upgrade?

Works include the installation of disability access ramps and stairs and new pool infrastructure including a new water treatment plant, drainage and hydraulic systems and the complete re-tiling of the pool.

Why not just build a new pool rather than fix the existing one?

The estimated cost of building a new facility exceeds \$10 million and is not a viable option within the City's long-term financial plan. By upgrading the existing pool, the use of the facility can be extended for another 20 years which aligns it with then expected end of life with the remainder of the Aquarena. This will enable the Council of the day to determine if the Aquarena still meets community demand or a different or larger facility will be required.

Why close the outdoor pool during the summer?

Although the City would have preferred not to close the outdoor pool during the summer months, the contractor's scheduling, availability of materials, resources and the lengthy construction timeframe needed to complete the works have resulted in the facility being closed over the summer months.

Will the opening hours change?

The City is currently reviewing the opening hours to ensure sporting groups who use the outdoor pool over the summer months for training and games will have access to the indoor pool for these activities. Officers are considering all options including extended opening hours, these are to be confirmed.

How will I know if I can use the 25m indoor pool?

A schedule of weekly activities for the 25m pool will be available on the Aquarena website. To avoid disappointment, please check the pool schedule before heading to the Aquarena.

Will the leisure pool or hydro therapy pool be impacted by the closure?

These pools will operate as usual. However, they may be busier than before due to the closure of the outdoor pool. Bookings will be essential to use the hydro therapy pool.

Will entry prices/multi swim passes be discounted during construction?

No, the leisure pool and 25m indoor pool will still be available. Swimming lanes will also still be available.



Can I still book a birthday party at the pool?

Yes, birthdays can still be celebrated at the pool. However, given the 25m indoor pool will be busier than usual, there will be limited time slots available to hire equipment. To avoid disappointment we suggest you contact pool staff well in advance to secure a booking.

Will there still be swimming lessons?

Yes, swimming lessons will continue as usual.

Will lessons remain at the same time?

Due to ongoing bookings by user groups who normally use the outdoor pool some lesson times may need to be changed. There will be a similar spread of available program times however get in early to secure your preferred lesson time. We will be contacting patrons who may have to change their lessons.

Will Aqua group fitness classes be affected?

No, classes will continue to be held, however their times may change so the facility can accommodate all user groups.

Will schools still be able to hold their Carnivals?

Due to limited space alternative arrangements are being arranged with schools. Each school will determine whether or not their carnival will proceed.

Will the patio area and BBQs still be available?

Due to the proximity of construction which will be loud and dusty during the works the BBQs and outdoor seating will not be available.

Will the volleyball court still be available?

Yes it will.

Will the crèche still be available?

Yes it will.

Will the car park be reduced in size during the works?

Yes, a few parking spaces will be required for a construction site office, lay down area. Overflow parking will be available at the Little Athletics Oval on busy days.

Will the Café still be open?

Yes it will.

Can I suspend my visit pass?

Yes you can. Please contact the Aquarena on 9956 6906 and customer service staff for more details.



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