

12.2 DRAFT MUSWELLBROOK AQUATIC CENTRE MASTER PLAN

Attachments:	<p>A. 2016-2017-0276 - Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Option 1</p> <p>B. 2016-2017-0276 - Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Submissions</p> <p>C. 2016-2017-0276 - Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Community Information Session Table Comments</p> <p>D. 2016-2017-0276 - Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Option 2</p> <p>E. 2016-2017-0276 - Shared Indoor and Refurbished Outdoor 50m Pool - Option 3</p> <p>F. 2016-2017-0276 - Sport and Recreation Dashboard</p> <p>G. 2016-2017-0276 - Draft Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Factsheet - Revised</p>
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Paul Chandler - Recreation and Property Officer
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Develop Muswellbrook as a Regional Centre</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Construct and maintain regionally significant infrastructure that facilitates regional service provision.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Apply Shire Town Centre Masterplans, Development Control Plans and Regional Economic Development Strategies to support development of Muswellbrook as a Regional Centre.</i>

PURPOSE

To provide Council options for the finalisation of the Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan following further community consultation and options investigations.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council adopt the Shared Indoor and Refurbished Outdoor 50m Pool (Option 3) master plan.

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

BACKGROUND

At the May Corporate Policy and Planning meeting Council considered a summary of the submissions received from the community following the public exhibition of the Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan attached to this report as Option 1.

The Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan was placed on public exhibition from 13 March to 10 April 2018. During this time Council received 27 written submissions from community members with an additional five submissions received after the due date including a submission from the Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc. (Muswellbrook Swimming Club). A petition was also received after the due date signed by 888 people approximately as there are some duplicate names.

Following this May report on community submissions Council facilitated a Community Information Session on Tuesday evening 5 June 2018 at the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music. This

information session was widely advertised and communicated through radio, print, social media, and direct contact with community members who made submissions and community stakeholders e.g. letters to schools.

Attached to this report are all the submissions received on the Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan including additional correspondence received following the Community Information Session. The signed petition, however, is not attached due to the number of pages but is available upon request. All community members who have provided submissions have been advised that their submission is included in this report and that the report will be a public document.

The Community Information Session provided community members with an overview of the current condition of the existing outdoor pool together with information on the proposed master plan works. It is estimated that approximately up to \$40,000 in annual water usage charges can be saved through renewed facilities.

Attached to this report is a revised version of the DRAFT Aquatic Centre Master Plan – Factsheet. The first version provided at the Community Information Session did not include casual users in an effort to illustrate user groups; however, following requests this has now been included. Also attached for reference is a Sport and Recreation Dashboard with relevant information designed to present a very high level overview of Council's functions, assets and budgets with respect to sport and recreation. It is drawn from more detailed sources (Council's Delivery Program, Operational Plan, Annual Financial Statements and Budgets) and so these documents should be the final point of reference.

At the Community Information Session the rationale for the Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 1) was presented and included that:

1. The leaking of the outdoor 50m pool is increasingly unsustainable creating higher operational costs;
2. It is not compliant with current standards e.g. design of concourse, guttering (entrapment, obstruction, and tripping);
3. The proposed master plan meets the needs of all users including swimmers, learn to swim, exercise programs, and water therapy;
4. An indoor facility maximises the value of community assets i.e. available all year;
5. The master plan design facilitates operational efficiencies e.g. one level, and potential for increased revenue from new facilities; and
6. An indoor facility responds to the duration, frequency and intensity of a warming environment.

In attendance at the Community Information Session were approximately 80 people who organised into eight tables. At the end of the discussions each table was asked to identify their priorities with all tables **nominating the outdoor pool as their first priority** with general, but not unanimous, support for both the indoor Learn to Swim/Warm Water Program pool and Water Play Area. Attached to this report are the general comments/requests as recorded by each table.

The current Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 1) and the public exhibition process follows other iterations of master plans developed for the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre including a 2010 proposal and a 2013 draft master plan. Both of these proposals included an outdoor water play space and an indoor learn to swim pool with the 2013 option including an outdoor beach.

In February 2017 as part of a Special Rate Variation (SRV) application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) Council endorsed a Capital Expenditure Review (CER) and option for the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan and is attached to this report and identified as Option 2. This endorsement followed an online survey, telephone survey of 550 residents, and community forums in both Muswellbrook and Denman as part of the SRV consultation process.

This option included:

- Refurbishing the existing 87-year-old 50 metre pool at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre, installing new pumps and ballast tank (to address a significant leak)
- Installation of a lift (to improve disabled access)

- Removal of existing learn to swim / wading pool and baby pool (to enable construction of new and improved facilities) and
- Constructing a new covered learn to swim pool and a new splash and play area suitable for ages one to twelve (to satisfy more user groups and improve facilities).

The development of this option was also assisted by a number of meetings of the Aquatic Centre Stage III Sunset Committee which included representatives from the Muswellbrook Swimming Club.

However, in May 2017 IPART announced that the SRV was not approved. As a result Council began reviewing the design and pursued grant funding opportunities particularly with respect to a new splash and play area. Council has now been successful in applying for \$1M towards the Water Play area (including a dry play area) from the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities fund and \$700k towards the LTS/Warm Water Program pool from the Ridgeland Community Fund.

The splash and play area was popular with many in the community in the 2017 SRV consultation process and in the 2017 Community Satisfaction Survey the construction of a LTS/Warm Water Program pool ranked second highest in importance of potential projects.

During this time Muswellbrook Swimming Club did make representations to be further involved in the design process, however, progressing the Olympic Park Structure and Master Plan to a level of maturity and the associated extensive stakeholder consultation this involved took precedence until earlier this year where the focus shifted to the aquatic centre master plan.

CONSULTATION

Building Works Coordinator

ECLIPSE Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd

Facility Design Group Architects

Gunnedah Memorial Swimming Pool

Hydrocare Pool Services Pty Ltd

Inverell Memorial Swimming Pool

Manager Aquatic and Fitness Centre & staff

Manager Property and Building Services

Maitland Aquatic Centre

Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre

Muswellbrook Swimming Club

Peninsular Leisure Centre, Woy Woy

Royal Life Saving

Swimming NSW

Community Consultation	
Date	Consultation Process
16/12/16 – 30/02/17	Public Exhibition - Recreation Needs and Management Study
09/01/17	Aquatic Centre (Stage III) Sunset Committee
03/01/17 – 03/02/17	2017 SRV Online survey from 3/1/17 – 3/2/17
17/01/17 – 24/01/17	2017 SRV Telephone survey of 550 residents conducted
23/01/17	2017 SRV Muswellbrook Community Forum
24/01/17	2017 SRV Denman Community Forum
25/01/17	Aquatic Centre (Stage III) Sunset Committee

Community Consultation	
Date	Consultation Process
27/02/17	Aquatic Centre (Stage III) Sunset Committee
16/05/17	Olympic Park User Group meeting, Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre
16/08/17	Olympic Park User Group meeting, Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre
15/11/17	Olympic Park User Group meeting, Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre
20/11/17 – 18/12/17	Public Exhibition - Stage 1 Olympic Park Master Plan
02/03/18	Meeting with Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc. representatives to discuss plan to be to be exhibited
13/03/18 – 10/04/18	Public Exhibition – Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan
22/03/18	Drop-In Information Session, Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre
05/06/18	Community Information Session – Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music
27/06/18	Meeting with Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc. representatives
29/06/18	Meeting with Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc. representatives
03/07/18	Meeting with school representatives (Muswellbrook South Public School, Pacific Brook Christian School, St Joseph's High School)
03/07/18	Discussion with local water therapy instructor

CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLOR SPOKESPERSON

Mayor Cr Rush, Councillor Spokesperson for Innovation, Land Use Planning and Heritage

Cr Green, Councillor Spokesperson for Recreation and Wellbeing

REPORT

Following the Community Information session staff with the Councillor Spokesperson for Recreation and Wellbeing organised a number of additional visits to facilities including Gunnedah and Inverell memorial swimming pools on the Monday 18 June and Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 19 June with a stop at Narrabri Aquatic Centre. This was followed by a visit to the Peninsula Leisure Centre at Woy Woy on Tuesday 26 June.

The general observation by staff from these visits is that while each location had individual spaces and features that merit consideration in any master plan and design that no location had everything. Even the expansive Peninsular Leisure Centre which costed approximately \$26M in 2005 to construct does not have outdoor water spaces. Each of these locations made choices in the development of their facilities at the exclusion of other spaces and features.

The Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 1) is by the nature of the design process preliminary. In a large part the design and investigation work is still to take place. However, Council is principally being asked to choose between either an indoor 50m facility or an outdoor 50m facility. At this concept stage capital and operating costs are broad estimates.

Provided below is an assessment of three aquatic centre master plan options which include the recently publically exhibited Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 1), the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 2) endorsed by Council as part of a 2017 SRV application, and a Shared Indoor and Refurbished Outdoor 50m Pool (Option 3) which includes features of both Option 1 and 2.

Draft Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 1)

Features:	Advantages:	Disadvantages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor heated 50m pool, (8 practice lanes at 1.925m or 7 competition lanes at 2.2m), (extension of existing 25m indoor pool) Learn to Swim/Warm Water Program pool 13m x 9m Indoor Water Play Area 15m x 7m Spa and Sauna 24hr gym access New entrance and foyer area Commercial kitchen/Cafeteria Dry play party room (crèche facilities) New family amenities Marshalling area northern end New air handling and chemical system Deck and grass area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Available all year round as a temperature controlled environment maximising the value received from the community asset. Operational efficiencies through facility being all one level e.g. supervision and accessibility. Lanes and widths equivalent to outdoor pool with opportunity to separate 50m pool into 25m lanes. Learn to swim users, the largest group of users at the existing facility, provided with capacity for program to grow. Design caters for a growing ageing population. Other aquatic centres report warm water pool users provide reliable revenue stream. An estimated additional 15% in attendance and kiosk due to new facilities. Facilities likely to enhance the Aquatic Centre's reputation as an inclusive and accessible centre of wellbeing within the community and the Upper Hunter. Design allows for the renewal of the indoor pool plant which will otherwise need to be renewed at an estimated cost \$500K to \$1M. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in available summer swimming lanes from 16 to eight. Due to the constraints of the existing indoor facility there is limited space on concourse for large events (estimated seating capacity 250 to 270 excluding marshalling areas). Some local schools have advised that the facility could not accommodate their carnivals and would need to relocate. Concerns about the structural integrity of the 25m extension (albeit engineer's advice is that it is achievable) Indoor environment regarded as humid, smelly, and noisy Use of marshalling area reduces available light. Additional heating and cooling expenses. Construction would force the closure of the aquatic centre for a period time.
Estimated Capital Costs: \$7.5M	Estimated Operating Result: Improvement <5%	

Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Master Plan (Option 2)		
Features:	Advantages:	Disadvantages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbished outdoor 50m pool, (8 practice lanes at 1.925m or 7 competition lanes at 2.2m), plant and new plumbing.* Wet deck conversion Learn to Swim/Warm Water Program pool 15m x 10m Outdoor Water Play Area approx. 100sqm Lift Landscaping <p>*Structural Engineer's advice is that the outdoor pool can be refurbished with a wet deck conversion and wall and floor liner (e.g. Mittagong, Parkes and Lithgow refurbishments) or a Myrtha equivalent conversion with wet deck, stainless steel walls and floor liner (e.g. Cobar, West Wyalong, Young and Forbes refurbishments)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No loss of existing facilities. Outdoor pool environment regarded as superior. Seating capacity available for carnivals and events. Learn to swim and warm water pools users are provided for. Caters for a growing ageing population. Likely to enhance the Aquatic Centre's reputation as an inclusive and accessible centre of wellbeing within the community and the Upper Hunter. Construction could be staged to prevent full closure of the aquatic centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Both the outdoor pool and water play area not available all year round. Only extends the life of the existing outdoor pool by 15 to 20 years. Does not facilitate the renewal of the indoor pool plant which will otherwise need to be renewed at an estimated cost \$500K to \$1M. Facility is not all one level for supervision and accessibility.
Estimated Capital Costs: \$7M		Estimated Operating Result: Improvement <5%

Shared Indoor and Refurbished Outdoor 50m Pool (Option 3)		
Features:	Advantages:	Disadvantages:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbished Outdoor 50m, (8 practice lanes at 1.925m or 7 competition lanes at 2.2m), plant and new plumbing. Wet deck conversion Indoor pool hall shared with Water Play Area approx. 15m x 7m, LTS/Program 15m x 10m Spa and Sauna 24hr gym access New entrance and foyer area Commercial kitchen/Cafeteria Dry play party room (crèche facilities) Viewing Deck 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No loss to existing facilities. Outdoor pool environment regarded as superior. Spare capacity available for carnivals and events. Water Play Area available all year round. Learn to swim and warm water pools users provided for. Caters for a growing ageing population. Likely to enhance the Aquatic Centre's reputation as an inclusive and accessible centre of wellbeing within the community and Upper Hunter (spa & sauna inclusion). An estimated additional 15% in attendance and kiosk due to new facilities. Facilitates the renewal of the indoor pool plant which will otherwise need to be renewed at an estimated cost \$500K to \$1M. Construction could be staged to prevent full closure of the aquatic centre. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50m outdoor pool not available all year round. Only extends the life of the existing outdoor pool by 15 to 20 years. Facility is not all on one level albeit in this design it is only the outdoor pool on a different level.
Estimated Capital Costs: \$7.5M		Estimated Operating Result: Improvement >5%

OPTIONS

Council could choose one of the three options provided, or consider an alternative option, and/or request additional information.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended to progress the Shared Indoor and Refurbished Outdoor 50m Pool (Option 3).

This option meets the strong feedback from the community on having an outdoor 50m pool while including the attractive features and efficiencies of an indoor facility.

This option does mean a decision will again need to be made about both the indoor and outdoor pools in 15 to 20 years. However, the locations of the proposed new infrastructure, the shared indoor LTS/Warm Water Program Pool and Water Play Area are strategically positioned to allow for further development. This could include in time a 50 indoor facility designed without the constraints of the existing indoor building and in the shorter term the addition of outdoor water activities e.g. slides and zero depth play.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre supports exercise and recreation and this has a positive effect on the health and wellbeing of local residents, encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle across a broad demographic and cultural perspective.

This facility consistently ranks high with the community as both a social meeting place that provides exercise and learning options related to physical activity. In the 2017 Community Satisfaction Survey the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre scored 3.54 out of a possible 5 with 5 being extremely satisfied.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At this stage of design it is anticipated that the difference in operational costs of the Aquatic Centre options are marginal. However, Option 3 includes the attractiveness of shared indoor uses without the heating and cooling costs of an indoor 50m pool. Regardless the detailed design of the selected option will be progressed to stay within existing operating budget parameters. The capital costs of the options are within an estimated range of \$7M to \$8M.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Local Government Act 1993

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

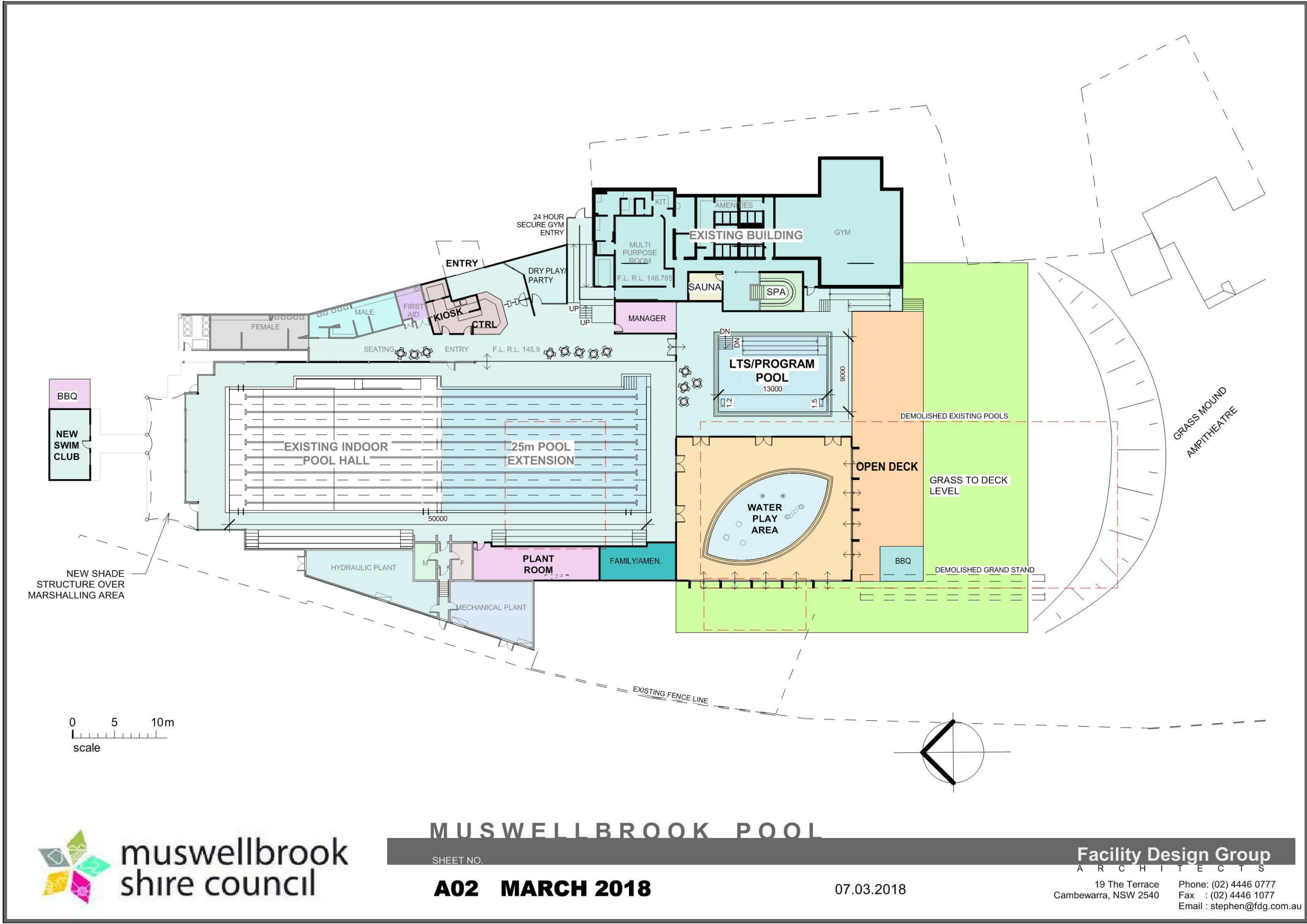
Not Applicable

OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

'4.1.4 Develop detail design for Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre upgrade', *Operational Plan 2018-2019*

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

The design process considers the risk implications specially requirements to ensure a renewed facility is compliant with current standards.



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Mardi Eriksson

From: corinalye <corinalye@bigpond.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 14 March 2018 8:37 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: AQUATIC CENTRE CONCEPT FEEDBACK

Hello

Just viewing the conceptual plans for the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre and have concerns how school groups will fit into the design when they host carnivals.

I appreciate that this concept may alleviate the financial burden of having to operate two pools during summer but at what impact to other events.

Will having a 50m indoor pool cater for the size of the groups and other spectators?

I would be pleased to be placed on a mailing list to address concerns and progress of this development.

Kind regards

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From: Michelle Harrington <sholley64@bigpond.com>
Sent: Friday, 23 March 2018 6:39 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept

Attn: The General Manager
Muswellbrook shire Council.

I would like to submit my response to the advertised Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept as displayed on Muswellbrook Shire Council's Facebook Page.

I called in to the 'Drop-In Information Session' on Thursday at the Aquatic Centre and was encouraged to send my thoughts via email.

As a regular user of the Aquatic Centre, the Concept put forth was very disappointing. The most notable omission of course being no outdoor pool. I swim most week days – If I averaged it over a year, it would be between 3 and 4 days a week (health allowing). In the warmer months, I enjoy swimming outdoors – it's cooler, it's less noisy, and the fresh air is wonderful. I have not tried the indoor pool in the heat of Summer; swimming laps in that climate I do not feel would be refreshing or enjoyable. Unfortunately, that is the only option available if the new Concept goes forward. I do swim indoors in Winter and appreciate that I have the option to do this. I can see the benefit of the heated Learn to Swim Pool and the onus this area will take from those using the current heated pool for therapy ie. Walking, stepping etc. but I also see many issues arising. I have a number of concerns I will raise below:

- How long is the Aquatic Centre going to be unusable while the new facilities are under construction? I received a number of 'possible time frames' ranging from 6 – 12 months (but maybe 4) which, in all honesty to me would be deemed impossible. Some clarification on this would be greatly appreciated. Does this mean no access to the pool for up to and beyond a year?
- Under the current design, the indoor pool is closed for most of January for 'maintenance'. This always seems to be lengthened, I'm not sure why but seems to be closed for much longer than initially advertised. What facilities will be available in the future with only one pool? Will the whole of the Aquatic Centre be closed for maintenance for the better part of a month? Even if this is done during the cooler months, the centre is quite busy of a morning, this will affect many members and visitors.
- The design shows an extension of the current indoor pool – this pool has around 8 lanes? During both summer AND winter, if you roll up to the pool around 6am, you will find far far more than 8 swimmers on most days. Granted some rare mornings there are less, but as time goes on that is becoming less and less frequent. The number of morning swimmers has grown exponentially since I first started swimming daily about 4-5 years ago. For lap swimmers, yes lane etiquette and sharing are the norm, but when you have fast and slow swimmers, when you have swimmers that want to use kick-boards and flippers... where is this all going to fit? Again, this is more of an issue in the warmer months and

- during Spring and Autumn as more people turn up each day than during winter. Mention was made of the new and old sections of the pool being 'separated' to allow for larger numbers which then leads to the question – if it's only going to be 25 metres available, then why bother extending?
- I don't have all the data but have spoken to a number of other users and have heard that for Life Saving purposes, the water must be at least 2 metres deep. Historically, I believe all the local schools have used Muswellbrook Pool for their life saving classes etc. Is this no longer going to be available to them?
- Swimming Carnivals? In Summer, indoors, with just another of the small current grandstands to hold how many spectators? I believe the current air conditioning has been deemed not really suitable, so new air conditioning is to be installed. Even so, in that kind of area when you have a large group of people, the noise, the overpowering chlorine that is the norm indoors when the weather heats up; it doesn't seem to me that it would be very inviting for anyone – let alone the swimmers competing. Whatever happened to fresh air? Last year the large sun shade was erected at the shallow end of the outdoor pool – To my mind, THIS is a great idea. You can swim and stay out of the sun in the hottest part of the day while enjoying the cool water
- On a financial scale, is \$8 million dollars which is the figure loosely tossed around an amount that needs to be used for a rural country town Aquatic Centre? I was under the impression that the Pool/Gym did not make a great deal of income and that the reason for the lack of staff etc. was because the budget for the centre could not carry them? The pool closes during the daytime due to not being able to staff it yet, an \$8 million upgrade is viable?

In closing, I work for Council and am by no means a 'nay sayer'. Change and innovation are great, and the ideas and plans to improve our community are great to see. The enthusiasm and vision that some of our Staff and Councillors have is commendable. In this area though, as I AM an avid pool user, I'm really disappointed though and for me, if the changes go ahead as they are currently sitting, I can see my days of swimming most mornings coming to an end.. having to deal with the heat and humidity and overpowering chlorine in the summer months and the lack of room overall, what is currently a relaxing and enjoyable morning will no longer be so.

I thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Kind Regards

Michelle Harrington



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From: Andrew White <Andrew.White@sparke.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 23 March 2018 2:40 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cc: Andrew White
Subject: ATTENTION GENERAL MANAGER - Re Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept

Dear Madam,

I see that the website describes this project as follows:

"The concept proposes:

*an indoor 50m pool, extending the existing 25m indoor pool
a warm water Learn to Swim (LTS) program pool; and
an indoor wet play area"*

I attended a consultation session last night and learned that this project involves demolition of the existing 50 metre outdoor swimming pool.

Accordingly it appears that the description on your website is incomplete in that it does not incorporate the demolition of the existing swimming pool.

For a proper consultation process the description on the website needs to disclose the full extent of the proposal. To the extent that a material element is left out of the description of the proposal the description is misleading as to a material matter.

Could you please confirm that the description of the proposal will be corrected to be complete and make prominent that a major feature of this proposal is the demolition of Muswellbrook's existing outdoor Olympic swimming pool.

Thank you

Regards

Andrew White

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Melanie Scholz <scholzdm@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 3 April 2018 9:35 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre

Hello,

I am writing to you about the proposed changes to Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre.

I believe any improvements/upgrades we can get for our town is a good thing and the proposed changes come with some great benefits (water play area, separate learn to swim pool), however, I do not believe it should come at the cost of losing our outdoor pool.

The outdoor pool is used by many people including swim clubs, locals schools and families wanting a day out. The recent addition of the large shade sail to the outdoor pool is excellent and this area of the outdoor pool was enjoyed by my family throughout summer and it was great to have that area to retreat to the shade. Whilst Muswellbrook has come a long way with options of things for families to do, the pool would still have to be a favourite place for many families to visit on a warm summer day and it is nice to be out in the sunshine with the option of the shade sail and sitting under one of the many beautiful trees Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre has.

There is also no information given on what will be offered in the new/extended indoor pool area so it is very hard for the community to put their full support behind it. Grandstand seating?? Can schools still have their swimming carnivals at our local pool??

I actually swam myself at the pool this afternoon and with three lanes used for swimming lessons and 2 lanes for laps swimmers, there actually was not a spot for me to do lap swimming in a designated area with all the lanes already in use. I swam laps in the general swimming area where kids were jumping in, playing etc, so it did make it hard for me to do my laps in this area.

Will the LTS pool be large enough to accommodate all the swimming lessons?? As a frequent user of the pool, it is usually difficult to get a lane to swim in, so i just don't know how it will work with only one main pool.

For people that already support the pool on a frequent basis, the entry fee is quite high when you can't get a lane to swim in. There is also a rule that if you have your child there for swimming lessons, an entry fee should be paid if your child wishes to swim before or after their lesson....so another \$5.00 again. Sometimes we do arrive 5 minutes before so we are ready for lessons to commence and my kids do enjoy a jump in the deep end once lessons have finished - if I am a regular supporter of the pool and have paid all my fees in advance, I do not think there should be an extra entry fee charged. I have never been asked to pay this extra fee, however, earlier this year there were signs up stating this was the case.

I fully support an upgrade to the pool and feel that many of the current facilities there do require attention - but i feel that once our outdoor Olympic Pool is gone, we won't get it back and may be left with a facility that is just not big enough to cater to all in our community.

Regards,

Melanie Scholz
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From: Sokulsky, Steven <steven.sokulsky@mn.catholic.edu.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 4 April 2018 3:04 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Cc: Tilse, Alison; Watts, Belinda; Cagney, Ashley; Savovski, Elizabeth; Dent, Aaron; Geoffrey, Royce
Subject: Alterations to Muswellbrook Pool

To whom it may concern

This Email is to express our collective concern about the proposed changes to the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. As a regular private user of the facilities at the Centre, I would have to say that overall, we have a terrific set up there. The current ability to use both indoor and outdoor pools is fantastic. It is aesthetically pleasing and practically excellent in that it currently caters for both indoor and outdoor participants and enthusiasts all year round! We currently have that choice and I'd hate for the community to lose that option.

Furthermore, from a high school perspective, St Joseph's High school use the Aquatics Centre regularly and the facility currently caters for our needs, particularly during swimming carnivals and school sport. As Head Teacher of the PDHPE department, I have discussed the proposal with my faculty and they support this letter of concern about the current proposed, which would result in a clear lack of space available for where six hundred students and parents could watch and enjoy events. We simply could not hold carnivals at the venue in its current format, which has proved to be a very successful school and community event for many years.

Moreover, we use the pool for our school sport where space is at a premium. 1 x 50m pool would be a huge reduction in our capacity to engage our students in our sports programs such as our very successful Bronze Lifesaving program which, last year involved over 30 students for a ten week period. We share the facility with the community and make use of every space available.

In my opinion, there is a far greater need, If there is money to be spent, to upgrade the canteen and change room facilities.

Thanks for your consideration, in the sincere hope that the current proposal does not go ahead. Please feel free to contact me with any further queries or suggestions.

Yours Sincerely

Steve Sokulsky

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General Manager
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4th April 2018

Dear Sirs,

**RE MUSWELLBROOK AQUATIC CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT CONCEPT
PUBLIC SUBMISSION PERIOD**

The proposal to enlarge and redevelop the existing indoor swimming pool and other facilities on site has considerable merit and the concept idea is supported in principle.

The design though constrained by the realism of a budget is reasonable nonetheless, there is, however, several considerations that should be explored through the cost-benefit analysis over the projected asset's life cycle as to their probable inclusion. Council would appreciate that not every benefit can or should be measured in financial terms, therefore, the concerns detailed below reflect issues that are compelled to be strategically considered in the context of the long-term use with what is actually being proposed, and in connection with the wider community space. The Aquatic Centre complex though separate links into the future redevelopment of the Olympic Park Precinct, both are strategically observed as co-existing assets; nonetheless, together or singularly they will become draw cards to the township of Muswellbrook from the wider communities within the Hunter region. Strategically, the standalone Aquatic Centre (redeveloped) will be the only one of its kind between Newcastle and Tamworth; thus the design is obliged to consider the realism of greater patronage, both in terms of day to day foot traffic, and additionally, from swim carnivals, swim meets and attendance at other hosted events. Furthermore, the proposed new asset is significantly different in terms of the overall quality of space being proposed than that of the existing setup, this factor needs to be taken into consideration in the design to ensure a well thought out and valid asset is delivered.

1. Indoor pool - the proposed seating capacity is limited to just over 200, therefore, the holding of school swimming carnivals would be very problematic as not everyone can safely be accommodated within the proposed indoor space. This would suggest that either a reduction in the numbers of those attending will be required, or further that not everyone who attends

can be watching and cheering on their fellow teammates; such a scenario then gives rise to additional supervision concerns for the attending school if all the children are not in the same place. While one can observe the constraints of the existing super-structure the proposal could and can be altered at minimal cost to enhance the indoor seating capacity.

- The first option would be to move the learn-to-swim, the water play area and the external deck to the south by approximately 6-9m, thus extending and creating significant additional indoor flexible space between the end of the indoor pool and the connecting walls to the learn-to-swim and water play areas.
- Secondly, the enclosing glass walls at the northern end of the indoor pool could be deconstructed and relocated a further 6m to the north to provide for additional space at the northern end. This option will still provide sufficient space between the rear car park fence and the building for new swim club facilities.

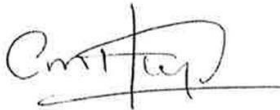
With both the above ideas there is no suggestion to provide physical seating at this stage this could come later through additional funding sources, the strategic nature of these options is to ensure the enclosing super-structure is large enough to accommodate a significantly increased spectator capacity.

- Thirdly, relocating the existing east glass wall between the indoor pool and changing rooms is feasible, but in reality, only a 1m of space may be gained as appropriate circulation space will be required to access the changing facilities. Nonetheless, relocating the wall back 1m and providing a solid 1-1.2m high wall with glazed infill above to the ceiling would enable bench-style seating to be placed in front of the wall (poolside) naturally recessed between the main load-bearing columns which cannot be moved, while still maintaining sightline to the pool surface.
2. Externally the grassed and deck area require forms of shading consistent with the intended use and occupation of the space. For instance, if the grass areas are intended for families to picnic on then smaller individual shading devices would be appropriate perhaps with individual BBQ facilities and drinking water attached, as opposed to one central communal BBQ facility. Such facilities would enable several smaller groups (birthday parties) to better enjoy the water play area and outdoor areas.
 3. Learn-to-swim - It is understood the learn-to-swim pool is also to be a rehabilitation pool due to it being heated to a higher temperature than the main indoor pool. The width is indicated to be 9m, but that space includes a ramp access structure and stairs, given the proportions of the drawing the effective usable widths look in the order to be somewhere between 6.5-7m; this does not appear to be very wide either for a learn-to-swim pool or for those undertaking rehabilitation exercises. The relocation of the access ramp and stairs to be outside of the main pool area would no doubt greatly enhance the usable space.

4. Car parking - the number of spaces currently provided on site is already limited and when full the layout can prove very tight with little manoeuvring space especially to the northern section. The proposal will need to consider parking in more detail once detailed plans are compiled. Options exist in redesigning the existing layout, reconfiguring entrance and exits, utilising parts of the grassed area to the north of the indoor pool currently fenced off, utilising space to the southern parts of the site beyond the gym complex and then linking this back to the main entrance with a designated path between the bowling club and gym building to the new Aquatic Centre entrance.
5. Asset life - the concern here is two-fold. Firstly, the existing indoor pool is in excess of 20 years old, therefore, constructing and attaching a new asset to it would create two separate assets not only depreciating at two very different rates, but they would likely have two very different planned and preventative maintenance requirements. Secondly, there is the concern of then actually providing and guaranteeing a full watertight bond and movement joint between the new and old, whereas this can be achieved in theory, in practice it may be problematic. The new addition will likely be built differently to that of the old pool and will also be built on filled ground, there is, therefore, the issue of differential settlement occurring between the two structures which might exceed the tolerance of the movement joint and cause a leak to occur. The cost-benefit analysis question is then, should the old pool be removed and a single new pool constructed thus providing one single asset?

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the proposed redevelopment concept idea for the Aquatic Centre, and though the proposal may not be acceptable to every end user of the Aquatic Centre, the careful redevelopment of the ageing facility has considerable merit and benefit to the Shire. Notwithstanding, the aforementioned there is the real risk though of redeveloping the Aquatic Centre and creating an asset that is not functional enough and restricted in its potential use to actually be useful.

Yours faithfully



Chris Hargood

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The General Manager,
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4 April 2018

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Dear Madam,

MUSWELLBROOK SWIMMING POOL

I write to express my disappointment with and opposition to the proposal to demolish Muswellbrook's outdoor swimming pool. Accordingly, I have to oppose the proposal as it is currently framed.

This beautiful pool was the product of a community effort to raise funds and build an asset for the enjoyment of the whole town over 90 years ago. The pool was first filled in December 1928 and has been in use ever since. It is one of the most beautiful and oldest swimming pools in the state. It has significant heritage value to the town of Muswellbrook and to regional New South Wales.

Muswellbrook Shire Council has been very active and effective in retaining and preserving the town's (and region's) items of historical heritage and fortunate to have the financial capacity to be able to preserve them. Having regard for that, I am extremely surprised that this proposal would be put forward by this Council.

The pool is patronised by a material number of avid and dedicated swimmers as well as by the Muswellbrook Swimming Club for swimming sports and fitness. Additionally, it is patronised by tother residents of Muswellbrook who use it for bathing during the hot summer days which Muswellbrook can provide in plentiful supply. The latter patrons tend to be people who do not have backyard swimming pools. Their needs and amenity should not be forgotten. An indoor swimming pool is no replacement for our existing outdoor swimming pool.

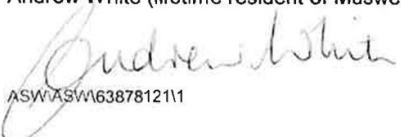
The current proposal has the effect of replacing 2 swimming pools (one indoor and one outdoor) with one single indoor pool, which will involve a significant reduction in swimming facilities in the town. We would go from 16 lanes of swimming to just 8 lanes (or even 6, depending upon the format of the lanes). That reduction will be very significant for pool users, especially during peak usage periods.

The existing arrangement provides facilities for the town of Muswellbrook which are really fantastic because of their diversity. The outdoor component provides a fabulous sporting and recreational facility and the indoor facility serves more utilitarian purposes. It would be a retrograde step to depart from this diversity and lose the outdoor pool.

There are a large number of people who are very attached to the existing outdoor swimming pool for the reasons mentioned above and I hope that Council will reconsider this proposal. It would be possible to achieve all of the outcomes desired in the plans for the redevelopment without the loss of our beautiful outdoor swimming pool and I hope that Council will consider a redesign of the proposal which retains our outdoor pool.

Yours Faithfully

Andrew White (lifetime resident of Muswellbrook)


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The General Manager

Muswellbrook Shire Council

Re: Pool Development

I have grave concerns about the proposed development of the Pool complex.

- Muswellbrook outside 50 metre pool is 8 lanes wide and not many places boast an 8 lane pool.
- Having a 6 lane indoor pool will lead to serious overcrowding in peak times.
- I can't see the new pool coping with the crowds on Australia Day this year.
- We're told that the existing pool leaks, but no evidence has been made public of the years of testing that has been done.
- Being indoors, the pool will smell of chlorine, be heated, instead of the optimum temperature of 24°, for the serious lap swimmers.
- The existing indoor pool is a stopgap when the outdoor pool is closed for public use. There will be no stopgap in the new facility.
- What happens during maintenance? No swimming at all!!
- The money spent on the new facility would be better used fixing the existing facility for many more years of operation.
- Where are all the students going to sit and cheer their favourite team during the school carnivals?
- What happens to the public who come for a swim during these times, their will be no option but to miss out? Not everyone can change the times of their swim.
- Fresh air is important and no amount of ventilation can make up for the lack of it.
- Muswellbrook has a pool that was developed in 1928 by people with great foresight, to see that taken away would be a travesty.
- Demolishing the existing Grandstand (and BBQ?), along with the new shade area, is just an added unnecessary cost.

I know that all councils need to operate to a Budget and Swimming Pools are a drain on resources. However, it has to be said many towns continue to promote their pools with great success.

I suppose there's always Denman Pool, but getting there everyday would be a challenge.

Yours faithfully



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Muswellbrook Aquatic Centres

Customer Suggestions and Feedback Form

KEEP POOLS AS THEY ARE PLUS 50 meter

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We value your feedback, both positive and negative, so that we can continue to monitor our services and endeavour to provide what the customers wish for. We look to continuously improve the quality of our service and facilities provided.

As I go to the Heated Pool Five days a week all year, I can not see why you would take out the Olympi Pool 50 meter as in summer it is use by so many people take it out and making heated pool longer with make pool crowded as people like my self need to work and do exercise in the water so the swimmers won't be able to swim. NOT AGOOD

Name: *ELsie CLAIR GILES*

Phone: *0265430303*

Membership: Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish your comment to be confidential: Yes ☐ No ☒

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- ① Why spend 3 million dollars to destroy a unique hot pool when it is possible to replace the existing outside pool for half these costs??
- ② If the proposal goes ahead where are all the school carnivals etc to be held etc? As I am advised there is problems for school etc outside. Why cant this option be considered?
- ③ I use the inside facility. Suggest a walk in the walking area. If proposal goes ahead what provision is being made for people who have handicaps? None being by the pool. Please explain.

Name:

WARREN GILES

Phone:

65430303

Membership:

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5 April 2018

The General Manager
Muswellbrook Shire Council
Email: council@muswellbrook.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir

I wish to express my concerns regarding the latest proposal regarding the Muswellbrook Swimming Pool. I am not in favour of the latest proposal for many reasons. I use the pool most days as I am an asthmatic and need to swim and it has greatly improved my health and wellbeing.

There are quite a few regular pool users and I think there is a strong risk that you may lose the patronage of the regular users if you reduce the size of the facility available for practical use (ie lap swimmers, learn to swim and rehabilitation).

My main concerns with the new proposal for the pool are as follows:

1. Reduction in the size of the facility by eliminating the number of available lanes to swimming club, lap swimmers and the general public in peak season (this is what the outdoor pool currently caters for in the summer months). The hours before and after work are peak times and cannot be catered for in the summer months with one pool as both are frequently to capacity at these times. In the winter months it is quite crowded at times.
2. The elimination of the outside pool would mean that on swim club nights the public/lap swimmers would not have access to the main pool.
3. The size of the new proposed learn to swim pool would not cater for the number of classes each day that currently occupy approximately half the indoor pool.
4. The size of the new proposed learn to swim pool would not cater for all the rehabilitation/elderly people that walk up and down;
5. During the construction period the public would be without any pool at all for 12 months.
6. The pool is currently shut for the month of January for maintenance this would mean no pool at all during this maintenance period.
7. The indoor pool is shut frequently for various reasons that cannot be avoided (one incident recently moved all patrons to the outdoor pool for most of the day). This would mean
8. Concerns at the success of joining a new concrete structure to the old (this is a risk regarding leakage);

I have lived in Muswellbrook all my life and have fond memories of learning to swim in the outdoor pool, as many of the long term residents of Muswellbrook would. I feel it is an important part of our heritage and should remain part of our future. The restoration of Campbells Corner has been a very worthwhile project and has given our town a much needed sense of history and something we can all be proud of. I feel that the restoration of the White Memorial Pool would also be another more than worthwhile project, providing the community with a facility that is both beneficial for health and historical purposes.

Yours faithfully

Cristine Hall

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please accepts this a an objection against the new design of the Muswellbrook Aquatic centre.

Objection against the new design based on the following matters,

- 1 No outdoor pool;
- 2 No possibility of swimming for the public during any swimming events;
- 3 No possibility of public swimming when school carnivals are being held;
- 4 The health sectors are telling us that we are a obese nation and we need to go outdoors more, Muswellbrook will set the example and close down the outdoor pool.
- 5 Councillor brought up during the meeting that the outside temperature was getting to hot during summer. Why not open the outside pool during spring and fall? Plenty of residents now are wondering why the outdoor pool is only open for this short period and not longer.
- 6 Its great that the council received a grant for a waterpark and I fully agree that this should be used. This is for a waterpark not a new indoor pool.
- 7 If the new pool gets put in how many days of the year is it going to be shut for maintenance, swim carnivals for schools and swim club meets?
- 8 Where would all the spectators be seated when a big meet would be on as the seating would be nowhere near capacity for even school carnivals leave alone swim club meetings.

Muswellbrook council please focus on improving the town, get the maintenance done that is needed. Make improvements, get the waterpark and do something about the terrible air quality in the existing indoor pool. Maybe change the opening season if the outdoor temperature is that big a concern.

Regards,

A concerned swimming rate payer with a young swim loving family.

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5/4/2018

To the General Manager

Muswellbrook Council

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- The capacity to seat over 800 students at our annual school swimming carnival AND the associated noise in an indoor facility.
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I realise that the majority of my concerns are negative, however, I do acknowledge that Muswellbrook needs a new outdoor, 50m pool. We are a country town who are lucky enough to have two pools and the best of both worlds, an indoor and outdoor facility. I believe that spending \$8 million to provide less than we have now is a waste and one that we will come to regret once summer temperatures arrive. I may be cynical and believe that this letter and others like it will make no difference whatsoever, but I hope that I am wrong. I am not the only Muswellbrook resident who thinks that an indoor 50m pool as our only option is truly a backwards step.

I was also very disappointed by some council representative's comments that were made in response to some of my concerns. Being told that we could transport 500 school students to Denman's aquatic facilities seemed childish and very short sighted. Let us hope we are not proposing to build an \$8 million facility that only meets some of Muswellbrook's requirements for the future.

Yours

Leanne Duck

'On the Pond'

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Michael Brady <mickpb80@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 6 April 2018 6:51 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Fwd: suggestions in relation to concept plan for the aquatic centre

Hi.

I would like to make some suggestions in relation to concept plan for the aquatic centre. I am a Council employee but am also a regular user of the pool.

- 1) Have some sort of sign explaining some of the important rules around lap swimming.
- 2) Make it clearer on the signage about keeping left while lap swimming.
- 3) Painting arrows on the bottom of the pool to the left of the black line.
- 4) Ensuring the surface in the change room foyer area is non slip.
- 5) Having a system in place where more lap lanes are added as more lap swimmers enter the pool.
- 6) Consider issues around sustainability such as energy and water efficiency and dealing with waste.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Regards,

Mick Brady

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9th April, 2018

Mr Matt Lysaught

Muswellbrook Shire Council

157 Maitland Street

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Dear Matt,

As a regular user of the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre I would like to submit my views on the planned alterations to the facility.

Currently Muswellbrook has a facility that is the envy of many suburbs in Newcastle. We have a cool water outside pool for the days of extreme heat in summer, and a heated indoor pool for all year round swimming lessons, exercise and general enjoyment. The outdoor pool is deep enough for lifesaving testing and the fact we have a grandstand for viewing of carnivals is absolutely brilliant. To compare:

- The Forum at Newcastle University only has **one** indoor 50 metre pool operating year round from 5.30 am to 10 pm Mon- Fri and 7 am to 9 pm on the weekend. It has concrete seating similar to that indoors at Muswellbrook pool but it extends up to towards the ceiling, with pump rooms and other necessary facilities built underneath the seating. This allows for seating for 400 people along the length of one side of the pool.
- Mayfield has a 50 metre pool and a shallow water children's pool, opening 6 am and closing at 6 pm but as it's not heated it closes for the winter months. They have no grandstand and less parking than we have at Muswellbrook. When swimming carnivals are on, the pool closes to the general public.

There is no doubt that maintenance needs to be carried out on the external pools at Muswellbrook. They are looking quite tired and the 50 metre pool is not to today's safety standards for exiting the pool at water level. It also leaks. It would however, be an enormous shame to lose assets rather than repair and/or upgrade what we have.

My concerns with the design as planned are:

How can we guarantee that the new 50 metre heated indoor pool will not leak along the join of the new and old pools? Won't there be settling of the fill beneath the new pool due to the weight of the water? This could cause a break and a waste of perhaps millions of dollars to repair.

How can school swimming carnivals be conducted when the seating is so inadequate in the plans? For this plan to proceed, Council needs to adopt the type of seating that the Forum has as a

minimum. To achieve that you would need to change the angle of the ceiling and extend the building into the carpark a little to allow access to the amenities from what is now the carpark. You could then build aluminium or wooden seating to extend up and over the current amenities and first aid room.

The planned indoor 50 metre pool is not deep enough for lifesaving skills testing. How can we achieve the additional depth?

Patrons that attend in summer generally do so to cool down from the heat. A swim in indoor heated water is not nearly so appealing. Raymond Terrace (where we lived before we came to Muswellbrook 4 years ago) has a 50 metre heated outdoor pool (approx. 24 degrees) and an indoor heated hydrotherapy/swimming lessons pool which is heated to 32 degrees year round. It features beach style access for ease of entry to the indoor pool for wheel chairs. Both pools are open all year, with a 2 week closure for maintenance during the winter months. (Winter opening hours are 6 am to 6.30 pm Mon-Fri and 7 am-4 pm Saturday and Sunday.) The heated water outside was not nearly so nice as the cool water of the pool at Muswellbrook on a scorching summer's day. Mind you, it was fabulous swimming in heated water outside on a freezing morning with the steam rising from the water!

I would personally like to see the outdoor pool repaired or reconstructed to modern standards during the winter period when it is normally closed anyway, leaving the indoor pool for use until the work is done. Maybe the orientation of the outdoor pool could change if there is sufficient space on the land, so the planned water play swimming lesson pool can have adequate space?

I believe Muswellbrook is a great town with great facilities. It could be a destination for triathlon events once the Olympic Park upgrade is completed and the pool is modernised. We could even put in bids for hosting the Special Olympics sporting events! Last time Newcastle hosted the Special Olympics loads of Hunter venues were used for different events. This type of activity brings competitors, family, carers and event staff – all staying in the area and spending their cash. I had a visitor stay over recently who was stunned that we had a velodrome (albeit quite aged!) Her son is currently competing in cycling in Europe. People have the view that small towns have poor facilities. How wrong they are! Let's not prove them right.

Please consider my thoughts and I hope the Aquatic Centre facility continues to be an outstanding asset to the community.

Yours sincerely



Julia Belford

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Glenn Sharman <gas182@bigpond.net.au>
Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 12:20 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Objection to muswellbrook swimming pool proposed extension

The general manager

I would like to voice my objection regarding the proposed extensions My main concern is swimming lane space The new pool will cut the potential lane number by half that is if they are all available Cost of project should be a factor to rate payers as well Refurbished existing 50 m pool would be cheaper I understand learn to swim is main source of revenue and have no objection to a purpose built facility for them also if project did go ahead existing pool would be off line for a considerable time potentially losing one year of valuable learn to swim lessons for the young of our community as well as the other pool users Regards Glenn Sharman
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Mardi Eriksson

From: Bill Hann <wilfredhann@bigpond.com>
Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 6:08 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Re changes to swimming complex

I am writing regarding suggested changes to swimming pools, this has only been drawn to my attention today. The pool staff certainly didn't notify me or ask if I knew about proposed changes to the pool. When was the meeting regarding this & how was it advertised?? Don't the users get advised as to what changes you want to make, A questioner would have been better for the people who actually use the pool on a regular basis. I swim laps 4-5 mornings per week, I am not in favour of having just one pool to swim in. I swim in 25metre pool through winter season & enjoy the outdoor pool in summer. Some older people & children find it hard to swim 50 metres, so the 25 metre pool is great for them to swim walk & exercise in. I don't think we need another gym open 24/7 is there the numbers to warrant this?? How long will this take to make these changes ?? How long will the pool be closed for?? Will the pool staff still be kept on while these changes are being made?? Is there going to be any increase in fees? & who is paying for this?? Do the council have a grant to cover this, or is it up to the rate payers to help pay for it?? When are these changes going to happen?? I think there needs to be more discussion, with the users of the pools I am sure a lot of them don't know of your plans to change the pool. Look forward to you reply to my questions Janette Hann Sent from my iPad

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Sarah Ayre <sar.hughes@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 8:27 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Submissions/comments on the proposed upgrade to the aquatics center.

Attention General Manager

I am wanting to ask a few questions in regards to the proposed aquatic center upgrades.

I have viewed the proposed plan that is displayed in the center and from what I can understand there seems to be only one outdoor pool (LTS), is this the case? I feel this will be very disappointing for many that would rather utilise the outdoor/unheated pool. Especially during a hot summer, when we find it refreshing to cool off in the outdoor pools.

Also with the extension to the indoor pool what will the depth be at both deep and shallow ends? Is the extension at shallow end continuing on from the current depth? Will this new pool be of a suitable depth for hosting sporting carnivals?

Is the proposed LTS pool of sufficient size for the needs? Will this pool be covered/heated?

I have 2 young children in lessons all year round, and I am curious to know if these classes will be able to continue as they are now.

I understand that there is a need for upgrading due to the age/state of the existing outdoor pools. I support the center being upgraded but not the current proposed plan. From what I have read on the proposed plan maybe there are areas that may possibly need to be reviewed.

Kind Regards
Sarah Ayre

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Stacey O'Brien <stace_xx@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 9:13 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Public Exhibition of Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept - Concerns

Hello

I am writing to you today in regards to the Public Exhibition of Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept.

Firstly, I would like to give you a bit of background on myself. I am 31 years old and have swam competitively from the age of 4 years old. I have not swam competitively for over 10 years now - but over the last year my sister and I have purchased season tickets and have started to train of a morning at Muswellbrook Pool.

I am loving the idea of an upgrade on Muswellbrook Pool. I also have 2 young kids - so having the possibility of a wet play area for the kids sound fantastic... but I have many concerns!!

1. No outdoor pool??
2. This year I purchased a summer season ticket so my family and I could come down on the 40+ degree heat days and enjoy the nice cool outdoor pool. In the 40+ degree heat I never saw anyone use the indoor pool as it was too hot to swim indoors! Who is going to want to swim in an indoor pool in summer? As I train in the indoor pool it gets too hot on a cool day! This morning it was not very hot outside but it was so hot and stuffy in the indoor pool! I just cannot see how an indoor pool will work in Summer. There is no air flow!
3. Noise! Having full 50mtr indoor pool, LTS swimming pool and kids indoor wet play area all under the one roof will be too loud! I cannot see this working! People come to enjoy a nice peaceful swim - not to hear the kids noise!
4. Swimming Carnivals - how are you going to fit the whole school around the pool and on the grand stands indoors? The St Josephs High School Aberdeen carnivals are compulsory and they have hundreds of students! How are you going to fit everyone under the roof - and imagine that noise!! No thanks!!!
5. Closure..
 1. How long is the pool going to be closed for?
 2. I have a season ticket - will I get reimbursed for my purchase if the pool is closed for a long period of time?
 3. I was advised that Denman pool would be open and be available for us to go to while Muswellbrook pool is being upgraded... Will Denman pool open at 5.00am so I can swim for an hour and be at work in Muswellbrook by 7:00-7.30am? Currently I can swim for an hour and be at work at 7.30....
 4. Will the closure of the pool affect the employees who are employed by the pool (lifesavers etc?). Will the number of workers be cut down when there is only one pool to maintain?
6. Maintenance of indoor pool - currently the indoor pool closes for the whole of January for maintenance. When will maintenance be performed when there is only 1 indoor pool? Does that mean the indoor pool will close for a month for maintenance?
7. I am currently watching the Commonwealth Games on the TV. One of the commentators made a comment about swimmers always training indoors and not being used to swimming in the outdoor pool. All professional swimmers should be used to indoor and outdoor pools! I second this comment - outdoor training is very important as well as indoor

- pools! So why get rid of the outdoor pool. If its that old and leaking- why not replace it instead?!?!
8. Pool entry fees and season ticket prices - will this be increase once the upgrade is done?

Honestly my opinion may differ to a person who doesn't train. But I hate training indoors as it is too hot, stuffy and crowded! I would prefer to swim outdoors - which I do do in summer when the outdoor pool is open. I will be very disappointed if the outdoor pool goes...

I hope my email makes a difference! I do not support the new plans on exhibit! I am loving the possibility of an upgrade but I do not believe the proposed plan will work! Why not just put in a new 50mtr outdoor pool, rip up the kids pools and use that area for the kids wet area? Possibly put more shade up covering the pools? I must admit in summer I swim at Denman with the kids a fair bit as each pool has a shade over the pool.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call on 0407119991.

Kind Regards
Stacey O'Brien

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Alison Nichols <alison@bejservices.com.au>
Sent: Monday, 9 April 2018 10:43 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Public Exhibition of Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Concept

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If you wish to discuss further my phone number is 0400 481 507.

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Regards,

Alison Nichols

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Mardi Eriksson

From: gwitt2@resetdsl.net.au
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 7:48 AM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Pool Proposal

The New Muswellbrook Pool proposal

We are not in support of the proposal

We and others use the pool every day to exercise, in the aid in the treatment of arthritis and joint mobility after surgery.

When the outside pool is closed for winter the indoor pool becomes very crowded. Not enough lanes for people to swim laps and exercise.

We also feel that the new pool area is not large enough to cater for us as well as the schools, to use when the school carnivals are on.

Could you explain to us where we will be able to swim when the school carnivals are in progress.

Very concerned local daily pool users.

Gayle Wittig
2E Ironbark Rd
Muswellbrook

Kathy Bray
Dry Creek Rd
Wybong

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The General Manager
Muswellbrook Shire Council
P.O. Box 122
Muswellbrook N.S.W. 2333

Dear Sir,

Re: Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre

I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre.

I think it would be very sad and an injustice to this town to lose one of the oldest (if not the oldest) outdoor pools in this state.

I know the pool is in need of a lot of repair but as the new proposal is an 8 million dollar 50mtr indoor pool replacement I think it would benefit the people of Muswellbrook more to do the repairs on the old pool, leaving the indoor pool as is and putting in a Splash Zone, more shade areas and if the budget allows perhaps a children's play pool like the one in Singleton with slides and fountains etc. where the middle sized pool is now located. This would still enable learn to swim to be carried out in the heated or outdoor pool depending on the seasons.

I am a regular pool user 3-4 times a week. Each year the indoor pool is closed for several weeks during the summer months for maintenance but as there is the outdoor pool this does not cause any inconvenience for the regular users. What happens if the proposed work goes ahead and the only pool at the centre needs work done on it?? What do the regular users do???

I believe the Council's solution to this problem is for us to travel to Denman. This may not be a possibility for a lot of people especially those of us who are early morning pool users. Getting to Denman, returning home, getting to work or starting our day would be an impossibility due to the time involved with this not to mention the added fuel costs. Not everyone in this town is a coal miner with money to burn - some may find it too expensive to travel to Denman or Scone.

I am also of the understanding that the depth of the proposed pool is to remain at 1.8mtrs which does not meet with the Australian Life Saving standards, which will make it impossible for the local schools to teach this skill. With the amount of drownings that happen in Australia every summer Life Saving is something we must be encouraging at all times and it seems to me to be totally irresponsible to take this away from the Muswellbrook community.

The proposed pool would also not be available for general use on swimming carnival days held by the local schools and Muswellbrook Swimming Club. At the moment we have the option of using the indoor pool whilst carnivals are being held. This would be a great inconvenience to the regular users of the aquatic centre.

I can imagine the noise level in the proposed indoor pool would be unbearable during a carnival as the current indoor pool can quite noisy

just with children playing in it. The whole area would also be very crowded when you get school children, teachers and their families in the enclosed area on school carnival days as well as on club carnival days. The amount of people inside the pool area would also make it very stuffy and in some cases hard to breathe as it already is in the 25 metre pool area even on normal days. The doors and windows are never opened to allow fresh air to flow in. It would make it much more pleasant if it were possible.

I have been a supporter of Muswellbrook pool all my life. I served time on the Swimming Club Committee during my children's time in the club and was also on the fund raising committee for an indoor pool when one was formed many years ago.

I feel that the current pools meet the town's requirements. We just need to improve the children's pool and play facilities and increase shade areas. It would be a shame to spend 8 million plus dollars on a new pool that would not cater for everyone's needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Sue Ellen Bernard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Ellen Bernard
PO Box 588
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

842330

Mardi Eriksson

From: Marg Feeney <feeney6@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 2:59 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: WHITE MEMORIAL POOL (Muswellbrook Aquatic & Fitness Centre)

To whom it may concern

As a long standing resident of Muswellbrook I feel very upset to be told that council will be REPLACING our outdoor 50mtr pool by extending our indoor heated pool also we won't have the toddler pool or the middle sized pool I understand there will be a 9x13mtr learn to swim pool & a indoor play area & waterpark.

I am hoping we will have a public voice on what changes are being made as a rate payer I think we have a say in changes being made in our community facilities.

I feel the White family have been very generous in donations to our town in lots of areas including our hospital St. Albans church the funding for our White Memorial Pool I believe started with a very generous donation from James White & then fund raising from the community. If our pool is 87 years old does that make it heritage or just an old pool to be replaced with a new one. How can we simply dispose of something that is such a landmark in our town.

If your not a swimmer or a water person it may not affect you personally but think of the families thousands of adults & children over the years that have had great enjoyment made many friendships & not to mention some of our athletes that trained in that pool daily for years.

Come on Muswellbrook stand up & be counted we need to be productive & try to restore what we have before there is nothing left of Muswellbrook. We have found money for Campbells Corner The Plaza & Muswellbrook Marketplace surely we can have more public discussion on SAVING OUR OUTDOOR POOL

We have been very fortunate that Mt Arthur came on board and made our indoor heated pool possible but I feel we still need the fresh outdoors for a bit of vitamin D that so many are now deficient in.

I would love to have a public meeting before a decision is made by council alone.

Thanking you
Margaret Feeney
Noelene Googe

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Kim Goodworth <Kim.Goodworth@sparke.com.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 11:57 AM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Submission

Importance: High

Dear General Manager,

I would like to make a submission with my comments for the current upgrade of the facilities proposed at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre.

I have been a resident of Muswellbrook Shire for 37 years and a rate payer for 15 years. I have young children who regularly use the pool facilities including myself and my husband. Our children also participate regularly in the learn to swim programs. We have also held two of their birthday parties at the town pool.

I was disappointed to hear that the existing 50 metre outdoor pool was to be demolished. I understand that there are ongoing maintenance issues with regard to leakage etc. however the *Original Aquatic Centre Concept Design* (**please refer to the link below which I have included for ease of reference**) which was proposed back in 2016 incorporated the replacement of the outdoor pool in the Aquatic Centre upgrade.

Original Aquatic Centre Concept Design: <https://www.muswellbrookchronicle.com.au/story/4386642/what-does-it-all-mean-to-residents/>

I am not sure why Council has veered from the original plans?

I understand that there are a lot of needs to be met for the township by completing the upgrade, however, I do not believe that the current concept in fact does that, rather, it seems to limit peoples options.

1. **Outdoor Pool** - Why are we removing this facility completely? Why can't we just replace and improve on what we have? I really do not understand why we need more heated pool area. If you make the outdoor pool facilities more useable, attractive and functional people will want to use them. The *Original Aquatic Centre Concept Design* proposed in 2016 seemed to have a wonderful concept for the outdoor pool area which allowed plenty of space for the lap swimmers and also incorporated a beached area at one end for the children to play. Keeping the outdoor pool gives people options, not everyone wants to swim indoors in a heated pool, especially in summer. Why are we taking peoples options away, shouldn't we be broadening them with such an upgrade so that they can choose if they wish to swim indoors in the cooler months and outdoors in the warmer weather? The current shade sail at one end was a great edition to the outdoor pool and this could be replicated to allow some shelter in the harsher months. Where will our school swimming carnivals be held? Is everyone going to be stuffed inside in the heated pool area? I really don't think that will work well, with the number of people attending the carnivals you really need the outdoor pool to allow people to move more freely and keep the ventilation of the fresh air rather than be all congested indoors.
2. **Waterpark** - I agree that we need a waterpark for the children! This will bring more patrons to the pool and meet the needs of the younger community. I am not sure why the water park needs to be indoors? The waterpark at the Maitland Pool is outdoors and seems to always be bubbling with activity. We have actually driven to Maitland Pool to use their facility on a number of occasions just so the children can use the water park and we know a number of other families that do this also. A play area something similar to Maitland would be perfect, it can always be more enhanced or improved on.
3. **Learn to Swim** - Yes, great, add another pool! This will free up in the indoor pool a little as I understand they need more space. Why can't this pool be where it was to be located in the original 2016 concept design? I am sure you could extend the existing enclosure of the heated pool through to that front grassed area that never gets used. Why can't learn to swim lessons be conducted in the outdoor pool from November/December through to February? I know there are concerns about sun safety but we also need to use our common sense. Can't lessons be held outside the harmful sun exposure times e.g. before 11am and after 3pm (especially in daylight savings). Learn to swim numbers must drop quite a bit in the cooler months so this frees up the current indoor pool over those months, and if you add another learn to swim pool isn't this enough?

4. **BBQ Areas** – We need more seating in the areas outside and upgrade of the facilities. Upgrading these facilities again will bring more people to the centre. Holding children's birthday parties at the pool is a wonderful concept. How will this be accommodated into the future without any outdoor pool facilities?
5. **Café Facilities** – In the last upgrade we added seating etc. and marketed a café area, right? So why is it you can never get any hot food? On so many occasions I have been at the pool with my children and asked for hot chips etc. as a treat and always get the response "we are not cooking today" or "it's too hot to turn the cooker on" – What?? I remember the days when I went to the town pool (now I sound old) and hot chips and sauce were freely available. What's happened? I am all for healthy eating, but if you market a café you need to be able to purchase food! This will also attract more patrons.

I feel like Council has lost focus with this new concept design. We need to be looking at the needs of **all patrons** – not just learn to swim and swim club. It's about meeting the needs of the wider community which will bring more people from the township and surrounds to use a great facility and make it more appealing and (of course) profitable for Council.

I am happy to discuss this further.

Please feel free to contact me on the below numbers.

Kind Regards
Kim Goodworth

M: 0417 065 090
H: 02 6543 2385

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Mardi Eriksson

From: kylie bates <kyliebates@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 4:21 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Submission - white memorial Leisure Centre

I wish to put in a submission regarding the plans of the upgrade to the White Memorial Leisure Centre.

Firstly I'd like to express my disappointment that it doesn't appear that the staff from the pool were consulted or involved in the design process. They are on the frontline and are in contact with the public on a daily basis. I feel that they would be a wealth of knowledge on what will and will not work for the redevelopment.

Whilst some aspects of the design look good such as the children's area, sauna / spa area I really don't feel that having the whole complex indoors is a good idea. For starters there doesn't appear to be a lot of space for spectators for events such as swimming carnivals. Our public schools are quite large and when you take into consideration that parents / carers / grandparents etc might want to attend to watch their children compete I can't see how people will fit - especially allowing access for prams / wheelchairs etc to easily manoeuvre about. Also in the event of a swimming carnival where would the general public swim? Would the pool be closed?

I also don't know a lot about the swim club but surely if they wanted to host a club day / regional event would the seating be practical - and again would the pool be shut to the general public?

It's also quite humid indoors especially in summer - and who wants to be swimming indoors in summer anyway? The whole idea of going to a pool is to get outdoors. If the plans go ahead I would definitely take my children elsewhere during the summer months. We love having a swim and a picnic on the grass but this will not be achievable with an indoor only pool.

Also when the 50 meter pool is shut down for maintenance where will people swim? Currently when maintenance is carried out on the indoor pool the outdoor pool is available to use. Not having an additional pool will result in loss of income whilst maintenance is carried out.

I'm assuming that while these major works are being carried out the pool will be closed? Would this mean no swimming lessons? Surely it would take a while to extend a pool and cover it and it wouldn't be safe to have big groups of people around (such as during swimming lessons) while necessary works are being carried out?

Also will entry fees and learn to swim fees substantially increase once the works are complete? Currently it costs my family \$300 + per term for swimming lessons alone. While I'm more than happy to pay it as I believe in the importance of swimming lessons I know that some families simply can't afford it and large increases in fees may also make it unaffordable for more families.

I don't see anything wrong with the current layout of the pool. It works well so that things like carnivals don't disrupt the general public. So things I think money should be spent on would be:

- * Fixing or replacing the current outdoor pool it's well known that it has a number of leaks.

- * Adding a water play area - one with slides, a big bucket and perhaps smaller things for younger kids would be brilliant - a lot of caravan parks are getting these installed lately and they are something the whole family can enjoy

*Some landscaping in the pool grounds would be brilliant also - some shade trees to have picnics under and some tables and chairs and additional bbq's

*More parents/ accessible rooms would also be great- the two that are there are always full of water due to poor drainage and very stuffy and humid. Singleton have 4 brilliant family rooms that our family of 4 can easily use.

* An air conditioned room that can be hired for parties / small events year round

If funds permit it would also be great to see a small waterplay area at Denman Pool.

Thankyou for considering my application.

Regards

Kylie Bates
Work - 02 6549 3738

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Sandra Chandler <sandra.chandler@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 April 2018 5:48 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Concept plan for aquatic centre

To the general manager, I wish to say even though the plan for the aquatic centre looks good, I feel that an outdoor pool is still needed. I know that the outdoor pool loses water, but I think it is time to update the outdoor pool, I like to swim in the outdoor pool when it is open and the pools that are outside are great depths for children learning to swim and for babies. The addition of the shade at the shallow end of the big pool had been great and well used by the public. I feel an all indoor pool will be extremely noisy as it gets very noisy in the 25mtr now. The program pool that is in the concept plan will not be big enough, when you take into account the ramps and the ledge. I just feel that everything is going to be squashed in a small area. Regards. Sandra Chandler Sent from my iPhone

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Tell us what you think

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1. What is your age?

☐ 12-18 ☒ 19-25 ☐ 26-40 ☐ 41-65 ☐ 66+

2. Do you use the current pools at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If no, why not?

3. If yes, how do you use the pool?

- ☐ For myself
☒ For my family
☐ For my grandchildren/great grandchildren

4. Please rank the features of Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre

1 being most important, 4 being least important.

- ☒ 2 Slide for teenage children into deep end
☒ 3 Slide for small children into shallow water
☒ 4 Volleyball/basketball/water polo nets
☒ 1 Splash and Play area for children

5. Tick which of the following programs you would or currently do use

- ☒ Swimming lessons
☒ Public Swimming
☐ Adult Swim
☒ Lane Swim
☐ Aqua Aerobics
☐ Water Polo team
☐ SwimFit
☐ Public Health programs
☐ Other:

6. Tick which fundraising events you would support

- ☐ Gift cards
☒ Attend an event (comedian, themed evening, cabaret, etc)
☐ Give monetary donations
☐ Swimming or Sport Items (Sport Shop)
☐ Other Ideas

7. Comments

Tell us what you think would improve your pool experience.

Something for children
 (they get bored very
 quickly 'cause there
 is nothing to
 play with)

**Return this survey by
15 February 2018**

Hand it in to pool staff at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre, or post to
 Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Survey
 PO Box 122
 Muswellbrook NSW 2333

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☐ SwimFit
☐ Public Health programs
☐ Other:

6. Tick which fundraising events you would support

- ☒ Gift cards
☒ Attend an event (comedian, themed evening, cabaret, etc)
☐ Give monetary donations
☒ Swimming or Sport Items (Sport Shop)
☐ Other Ideas

7. Comments

Tell us what you think would improve your pool experience.

- more chairs & tables
- outdoor showers
- hot / cold shower option

Return this survey by
15 February 2018

Hand it in to pool staff at Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre, or post to
Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre Survey
PO Box 122
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc.

Est. 1928

Affiliated with New England and North West and NSW Swimming Associations

PO Box 200

Muswellbrook NSW 2333



President: Russell Hartin
Vice President: Fiona Hartin
Secretary: Kristal Foot

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth swimming club.

This letter is in regards to the proposed upgrade to the Muswellbrook Aquatic center.

Earlier this year I was invited to view and comment on the proposed upgrade to the Muswellbrook Aquatic center, at this initial meeting the concept plan for the upgrade tabled.

As a swimming club we can see the need to upgrade the current facility, the age and condition of the current pool and surrounds necessitates that the council do something to ensure that swimming and water activities have a facility that will see the community have a facility that will cater for all residents for the years to come. This facility also needs to meet the requirements of those that will use this facility.

The current facility has a number of positive points in its current design, having the indoor facility and an outdoor facility allows a large amount of flexibility it also has a large area for those wishing to spectate.

The new design has a number of benefits, the dedicated learn to swim/hydro therapy pool would be a great addition to our current facility, also the children's water play area would be a major benefit if done correctly. As a person that has travelled to many pool facilities over the last 10 years it has been very clear what attracts families to these facilities. The children's water play area for under 10 year old children plays a big part in bringing families to the pool environment but it needs to have the right blend of interactive activities like the bucket and small slides that make the experience fun for these children. I do not see the current proposed area providing that type of stimulation.

While the proposed 50 meter indoor pool would be a great facility for the area, we see that this has a number of areas of concern in its current concept design. The proposed tie in of the additional 25 meters to make up the 50 meters is of a major concern, the engineering and other works that would need to be done to ensure that this pool would be able sustain the next 50 years of use is questionable in our view and the potential to end up with a leaking facility would be a very real possibility. We are also very concerned by the amount of usable space around the proposed 50 meter pool the current indoor pool facility while a great facility struggles to cope at times with room when being used and to just mirror this would be of concern.

As our town and area continues to grow we believe that the facility needs to be built to cater for the years to come. This is the opportunity to build a facility that will meet the needs of our area for the next 80 years. We understand that there are budgetary considerations that need to be taken into account but we need to ensure that we build a facility that does deliver what it will need to deliver over the longer term rather than the short term and built to a budget.



The swimming club supports the need to upgrade the current facilities and would like to see the concept developed more we believe the current footprint with the addition of a children's area and new 50 meter pool would be the best option moving forward.
As a committee we are committed to working with the council to ensure that the best possible facility is delivered to the community.

If you have any questions or would like us to submit more detail to assist in the decision making process please let us know.

Best regards

Russell Hartin
President Muswellbrook Amateur RSL Youth swimming club.

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Amber <ambergorton@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 16 April 2018 12:05 PM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Town pool?

Hello world of the council men and women.

I would just like to say it is excellent that you want to update the pool but to completely take out the outside pool?? I have lived in Muswellbrook my whole life and well every school holidays I would be in that outdoor pool. Now that I'm a working class person I still go to the pool regularly but I go in the morning before work and can still have the whole outdoor pool to myself some times.

I understand that bigger is some time better but you are only changing the length not the depth of the pool. I do understand that by only having indoor pools you are greatly reducing the amount of sun burn. But the pool does not even sell sun screen lotion any more. But I can surely say for me and my growing family that the outdoor pool is a place where we made memories and I hope that you consider this and not remove that pool so I can make the same memories with my family.

Yours sincerely
Amber Gorton

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Mardi Eriksson

From: O'Brien, Meagan <meagan.obrien@mn.catholic.edu.au>
Sent: Friday, 20 April 2018 10:47 AM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Attention Matt Lysaught

Hi Matt,

I have just seen the post about the Muswellbrook pool upgrades on facebook and was hoping to pass on some feedback.

I know why you need to get rid of the current pool and I can only imagine how difficult it has been to come up with a design that pleases everyone, so I hate being a negative nelly, but, I'm not 100% sold on the current design from a school perspective.

I just can't see how we will fit 700 kids in there, and in an enclosed space it will get so stuffy, noisy and hot. I realise one end of the pool opens up, but I am not satisfied that will help us fit kids into the space or elieviate the stuffy/noisy environment.

In saying this, I understand that you can't please everyone and you need to balance costs. But I would be concerned if the local pool is unable to be used by local schools.

Thank you
Meagan

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Mardi Eriksson

From: Paul Kirkwood <p.kirkwood@bigpond.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 1 May 2018 7:18 AM
To: Muswellbrook Shire Council
Subject: Aquatic Centre Concept

To Whom it May Concern

The Aquatic Centre Concept has just been brought to my attention, unfortunately I have not had the chance to see the proposal.

I looked on the council web site but there is very little information available.

However, I would like to make a few points and ask some question regarding the Aquatic Centre Concept;

- I agree that Muswellbrook needs a new 50m pool, the old one is very outdated and in need of repair. I don't think we would be best served by having only a 50m heated pool.
- I have been reluctant to use the 50m pool due the large amount of duck droppings in the pool each morning, which were not cleaned out by opening time. This has been unfortunate as I enjoyed swimming morning laps in the 50 m outdoor pool during summer.
- The heated 25m pool is a great asset which I have used during the winter and lately after ankle surgery.
- The heated pool in our climate is not refreshing to swim in during the summer months as I feel it's too hot for lap swimming.

As stated above I have not seen the Aquatic Centre Concept, but I have a few questions that you may be able to answer;

- Will the proposed 50m pool be heated the same temperature all year round? As stated above, as a swimmer, I feel to swim in the heated pool is not enjoyable in the summer.
- What will be the cost of the new pool and who is funding it?
- What is the proposed extra cost of heating a 50m pool all year round as opposed to the 25m pool?
- Does the proposed new pool have enough Grandstand areas for spectators when carnivals are held?
- How long will construction take?
- Will there be an increase in cost of entry for the new pool?
- The 25m heated pool is used by quite a few people recovering from injuries and surgeries as well as elderly people. Is it suitable to have them in a larger 50m pool with the lap swimmers in the summer months, when the one pool will be more crowded?
- What happens to the swimmers who can only swim 25m, have rest at the end and then swim another 25m?

I would hate to see Muswellbrook not have a great community asset like a 50m outdoor pool. I think we need a new 50m outdoor pool but not heated especially in our climate. Perhaps shade covers over some areas of the new outdoor pool as well as appropriated shady landscaping around the pool.

I think we are well served by the existing 25m heated pool.

I hope to view the Aquatic Centre Concept tomorrow if time permits and I'm sure I will have more questions.

Cheers

Paul Kirkwood

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Muswellbrook Aquatic Centres

Customer Suggestions and Feedback Form

At Muswellbrook Aquatic Centres, we strive to provide high standards and a variety of programs to suit the needs of our Community.

We value your feedback, both positive and negative, so that we can continue to monitor our services and endeavour to provide what the customers wish for. We look to continuously improve the quality of our service and facilities provided.

The current proposal for the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre does not reflect the needs of the Community, extending the Heated Pool to 50 metres and not widening will have a negative impact on regular lap swimmers who currently have to compete for existing lane space. Once the outdoor pool has been decommissioned, in the event of swimming carnivals where does council think people will sit. Existing & Proposed Grandstands

Name: KERRIE BAUMER-SMITH

Phone: 0429673184 Membership: Yes ☒ No ☐

Do you wish your comment to be confidential: Yes ☐ No ☒

By adding your name it will add credibility to your comments. The Manager will endeavour to reply to comments as soon as possible. These details remain confidential at your request.

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Action taken:

Signed: Date:/...../.....

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 Managed by Muswellbrook Shire Council

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c/ King Cycles
Market Street
Muswellbrook NSW 2333

6 June 2018

The General Manager
Muswellbrook Shire Council
PO Box 122
MUSWELLBROOK NSW 2333

Dear Fiona

RE MUSWELLBROOK AQUATIC CENTRE

We would like to congratulate and thank you for the excellent community consultation session which the Council conducted in relation to the meeting on 5th June 2018.

There was a good cross section of people representing the community in attendance which enabled the views of the community to be heard by the Council.

We are confident that those views will now be taken into consideration in planning the works at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre so that the wishes of the community are achieved with any redevelopment of the Aquatic Centre.

There were indeed some strong views expressed from the community and a great consistency in those views. From our perspective the strong desire of the community (as expressed at last night's sessions) was as follows (in order of priority):

1. An 8 lane, 50 m outdoor swimming pool should be maintained at the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre. It seems that will involve replacement of the existing (White Memorial) outdoor swimming pool with an equivalent.
2. The existing 25 m indoor swimming pool should be maintained in its existing format.
3. The new proposed water park should be established within the Aquatic Centre precinct when funds permit.
4. A new purpose built hydrotherapy/learn to swim pool should be established when funds permit.

We look forward to the upcoming Ordinary Council meeting next Tuesday where we understand the outcomes of the consultation will be discussed and the process for redesigning the proposals for upgrade to the Muswellbrook Aquatic Centre.

Again, thank you for undertaking this most productive community consultation session. We think that it was very worthwhile

Yours faithfully

Pam King – Member of Sport and Recreation Advisory Committee

Marg Feeney – Community Member

Cristine Hall - Community Member

Andrew White – Community Member

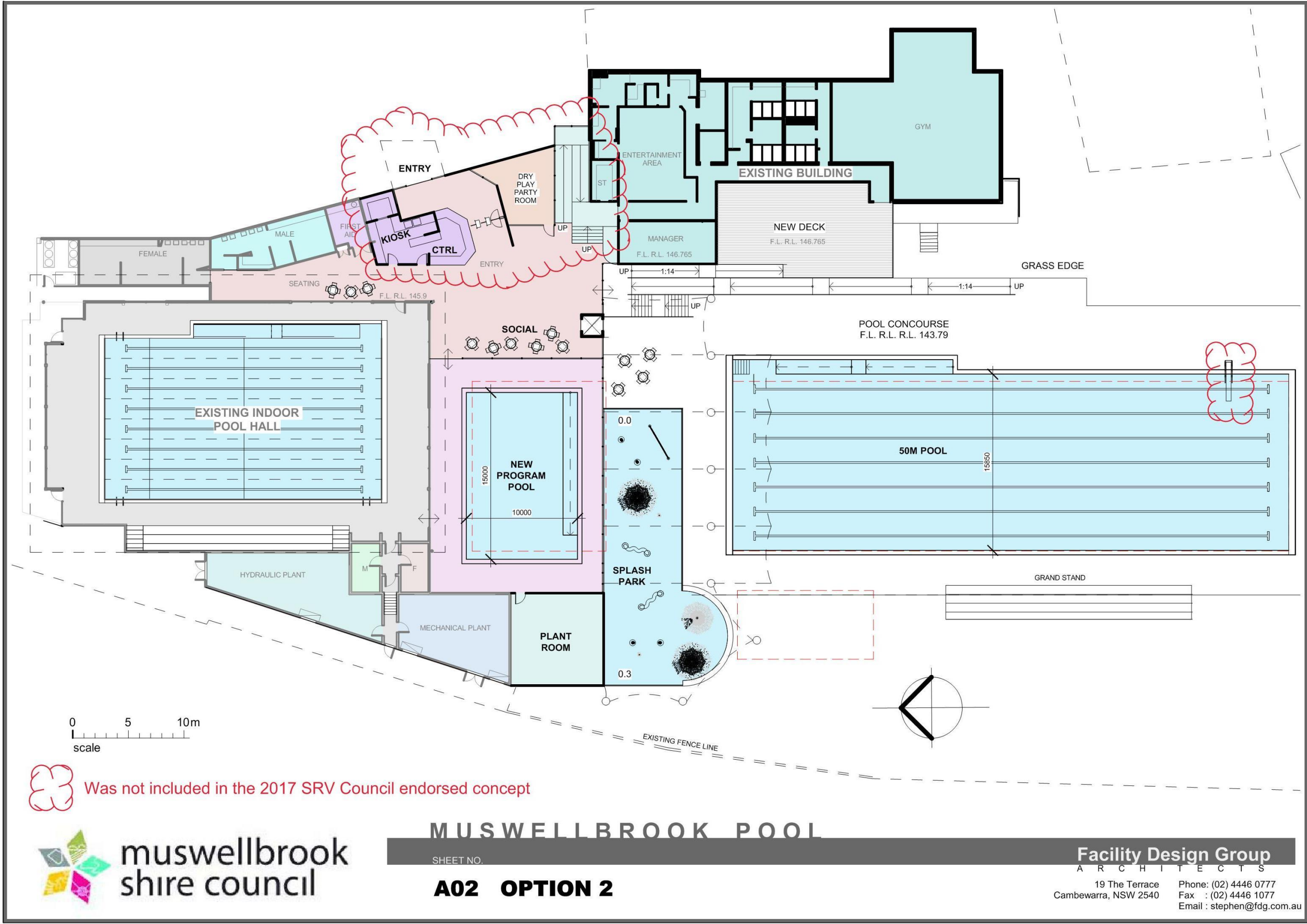
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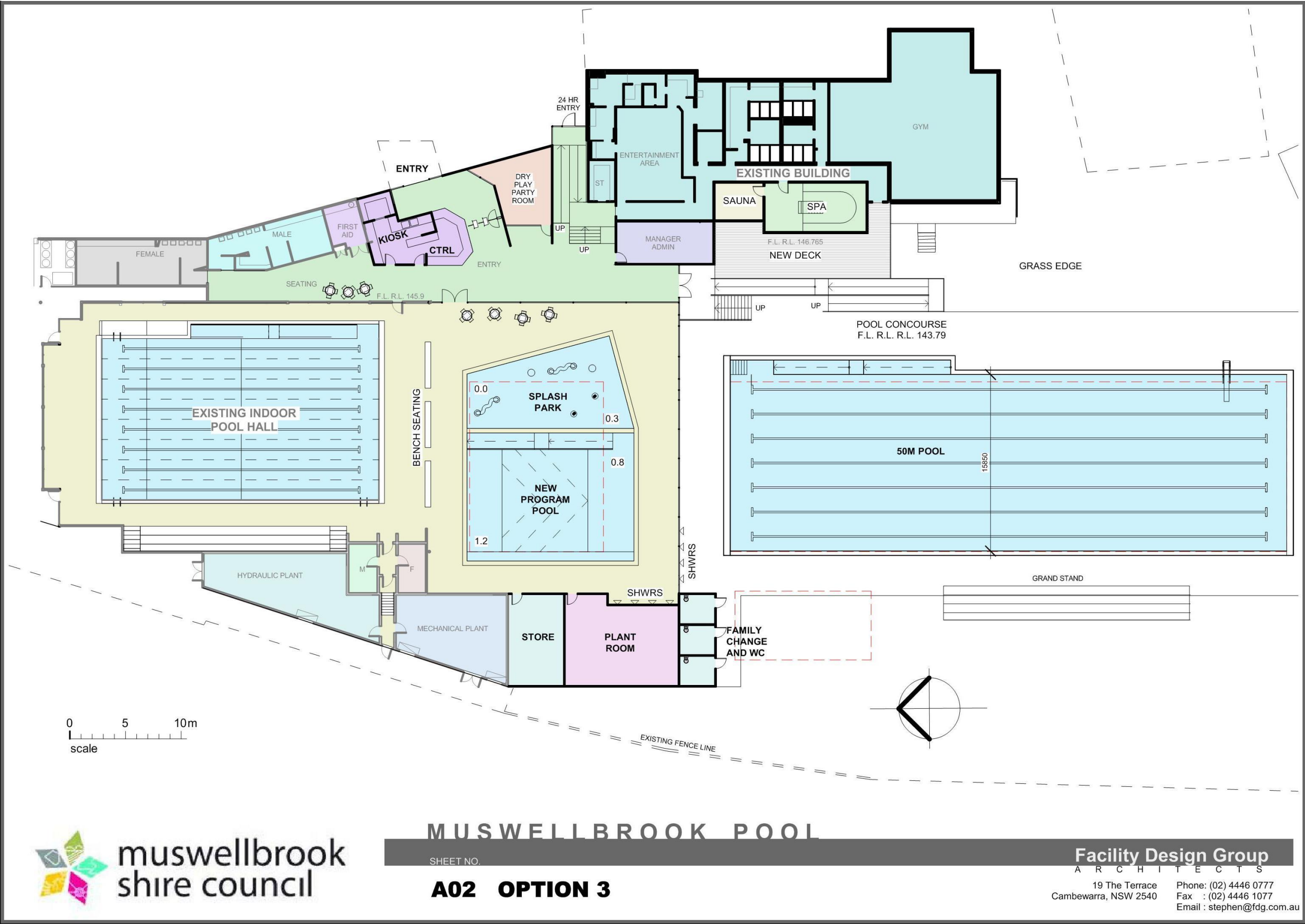
General comments/requests as recorded by each table with numbers arbitrarily assigned.


Table	Comments/Requests
Table 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor pool 25m or 50m • Depth 1.3m min • Seating 600+ • One member at this table agrees that the this concept caters for a wider range of the community and likes it • All agree something needs to happen • Everyone needs to be able to access the LTS/ Warm water pool at all times • When carnivals are on where do public swim • Do the fees go up • Inside pool is too hot in summer • Where do families gather
Table 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating for 800 people for state carnivals • Money being spent • Keep what we have replace like for like • Kids water play • Flexibility of 2 pools indoor 25m and outdoor 50m • Upgrade the 25m pool air handling and smell • New 50m outdoor that is at least 2m deep • Maintain pool specs for big carnivals • Ramp for outdoor pool • The pool closes too early and doesn't allow for shift workers to use after work keep open to 10pm
Table 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating 600+ for regional carnivals • Replace the outdoor pool • No spa or sauna • Make the LTS a hydrotherapy • What's the cost to replace the outdoor 50m and upgrade existing infrastructure • Replace outdoor 50m pool • Water play area with shade • Reconfigure current concept design – new 50m outdoor with LTS and Hydro and water play at the northern end as well as a middle sized pool between the 50m and existing 25m • Atmosphere of outdoor recreation • Ability to host carnivals • Regional quality pool with sporting and economic benefits • Better supervision for parents with children from varying age groups and abilities

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydrotherapy pool
Table 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family pricing – ability to pay off over the year Hours of operation – 5am Swap water play Seating above the toilets Inverell option Depth at the shallow end an issue Swimming clubs can't use
Table 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income plan for low income earners Want other concepts for consideration Indoor facilities do not meet the requirements for life saving activities Acoustics aside the indoor facility would be unbearably loud No positive comments from this table Replacing the outdoor pool, there will be a facility while the repairs are done on indoor pool
Table 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools and swimming club need capacity for carnivals Disappointed not involved New indoor pool needs to be 2m deep New proposal needs wall opening for fresh air LTS and warm water pool are good concepts 50m pool needs capacity for 600+ competitors/family to view the pool Outdoor pool requires a lot more shelter Outdoor covers would keep the pool warmer to extend the season Method to remove duck poo Concerned with how long Muswellbrook will not have a pool
Table 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More space around the pool – not enough space to hold swim club evenings let alone carnivals Schools could not hold carnivals Need more seating Want to replace the old 50m pool Move the water play and LTS to the northern end of the facility Instead of LTS make it a Hydrotherapy Don't need spa and sauna
Table 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the actual increase in subsidy if we were to maintain 25m pool and 50m pool? Big support of water play and warm water pool Concerns there will be loss of facility during upgrades Is it possible to have the 50m pool indoor in addition to the existing 25m pool Losing the outdoor pool in summer is a concern

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seating a major concern in 50m indoor• Warm water pool – slightly deeper• Concern over loss of medium pool• Width of lanes unacceptable• Apathy towards sauna and spa• Staging in order to get whole package• LTS pool needs to be bigger
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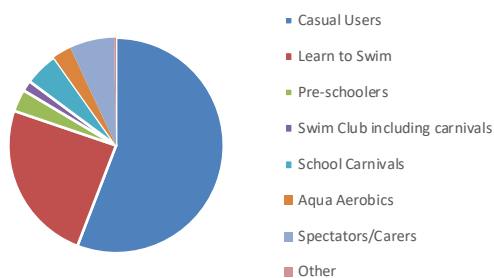


Open Space, Recreation and Public Toilets								
Infrastructure								
	Asset Category	Value	Consumpt'n	Backlog	Renewal	Capital		
	2 Aquatic Centres (buildings, pool, plant)	6.5	71%	35%	532%	532%		
	2 Indoor Sports Stadiums	5.3	86%	0%	0%	0%		
	20 Sports Buildings/Amenities	5.4	89%	0%	0%	0%		
	Parks/Sports Structures & Equipment	6.7	79%	5%	0%	0%		
	5 Public Toilets	0.4	91%	0%	0%	0%		
	TOTAL OPEN SPACE/REC./PUBLIC TLTS.	24.3	81%	11%	178%	178%		
Operational Programs								
Program Area	Priorities							Responsible
Maintenance and Operation of Aquatic Centres	Maintain and operate infrastructure to meet health standards, operate facilities in accordance with performance standards (opening hours) and regulations / codes of practice							Mgr. Aquatic & Fitness Centre
Maintenance of Buildings and Facilities	Maintain in accordance with maintenance specification (identify and respond to defects based on risk, efficient programming of work and impacts on use of the facility)							Mgr. Property
Cleaning of Public Toilets	Clean in accordance with cleaning schedule and in response to additional needs							Mgr. Prpty.
Maintenance of Parks, Reserves, Sportsfields, Cemeteries, Urban/Main St.	Maintenance and operations to achieve maintenance specifications in the Precinct Specification Manual, prioritising those facilities with higher usage / criticality if funds are limited							Mgr. Works
Program Area	Specific Revenue (other than General Rates)				Expenditure (excl. Depreciation)			
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Aquatic Centres	654,970	697,639	790,890	826,170	1,226,561	1,111,750	1,184,989	1,272,302
Indoor Sports Centres	37,000	37,740	38,494	39,264	63,834	65,161	66,511	67,893
Other Sport incl. Olympic Pk	23,000	20,040	20,081	20,122	423,850	329,685	335,828	344,170
Parks & Playgrounds Maint.	31,000	21,630	22,278	22,947	882,610	1,000,688	1,052,275	1,082,154
Cemeteries	57,000	58,140	59,302	60,488	98,350	120,252	124,462	127,342
Public Toilets					57,898	66,270	67,620	68,996
Urban Areas / Main Street					257,200	272,499	280,000	288,715
TOTAL	802,970	835,189	931,045	968,991	3,010,303	2,966,305	3,111,685	3,251,572
Program Area	Performance Measures and Targets							Target
Maintenance of All Open Space, Recreational and Public Facilities	Target: compliance with maintenance schedule (programmed) and intervention standards and response times (reactive) in maintenance specifications							90%
	Measure: report on maintenance accomplishments (by asset type) and number of customer requests (plus public liability incidents) with comparisons to previous years							Report
	Measure: report on usage of open space, recreation and public facilities, with comparisons to previous years							Report
Capital Projects								
Project Area	Selection Criteria (for Priority Projects List)							Responsible
Open Space, Recreational Facilities & Public Toilets	Renewal and upgrade: based on priorities including performance objectives, deficiencies, current / expected usage, proximity / availability of alternative facilities, minimising maintenance cost & risk							Mgr. Property
Project Area	Specific Revenue (other than General Rates)				Expenditure			
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Aquatic Centres		1,900,000			298,900	3,225,000	3,425,000	-
Denman Geothermal					126,652	-		
Olympic Park					697,880	900,000		
Recreation Renewals					679,938	100,000	155,000	160,000
Sporting Grants - Large					100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Sporting Grants - Small					25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Cemeteries					220,459	100,000	90,000	90,000
Landcare Projects					454,502	256,250	-	-
Tree Management					75,000	75,000	65,000	65,000
TOTAL	-	1,900,000	-	-	2,678,331	4,781,250	3,860,000	440,000
Project Area	Performance Measures and Targets							Target
All projects	Target: Completion of Projects in Operational Plan (% by value)							90%
	Target: Variation from Budget in Operational Plan							10%
	Measure: report on achievements							Report
Improvement Action Plan								
What							Who	When
Submit Precinct Specification Manual for notation by Council & native vegetation plan							Mgr. Works	Dec 2018
Review classifications in asset system and budgets to facilitate planning and reporting (parks/sports, aquatic, cemetery, sports, community)							Mgr. Property	Dec 2018
Reference Documents								
Recreation Needs and Management Study, Maintenance Specifications, Specifications (NATSPEC) for Design, Construction and Maintenance, Management Plans for Parks/Reserves, Cemetery Management Plans ,Guidelines for hiring sportsgrounds (parks and facilities), Sports Committee, Precinct Specification Manual								

DRAFT Aquatic Centre Master Plan - Factsheet

Users

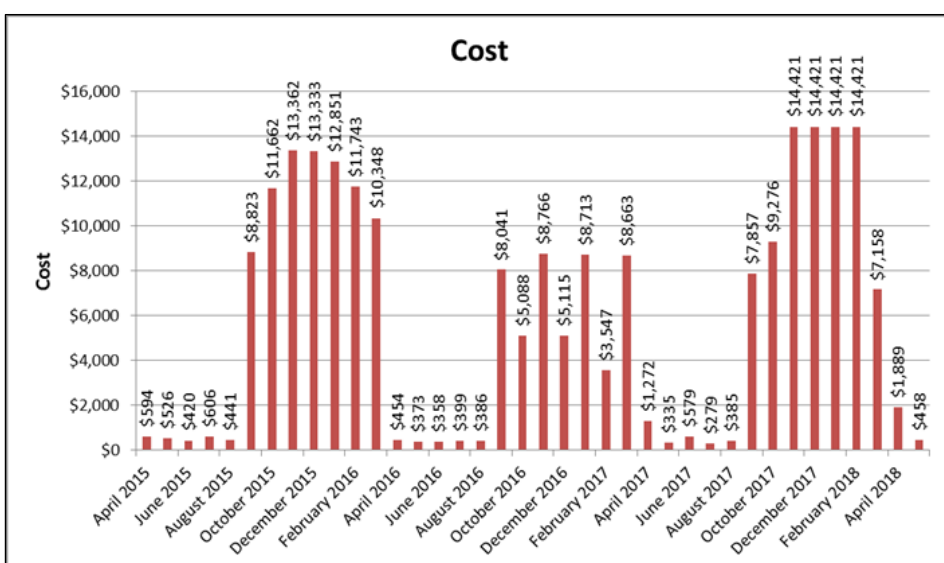
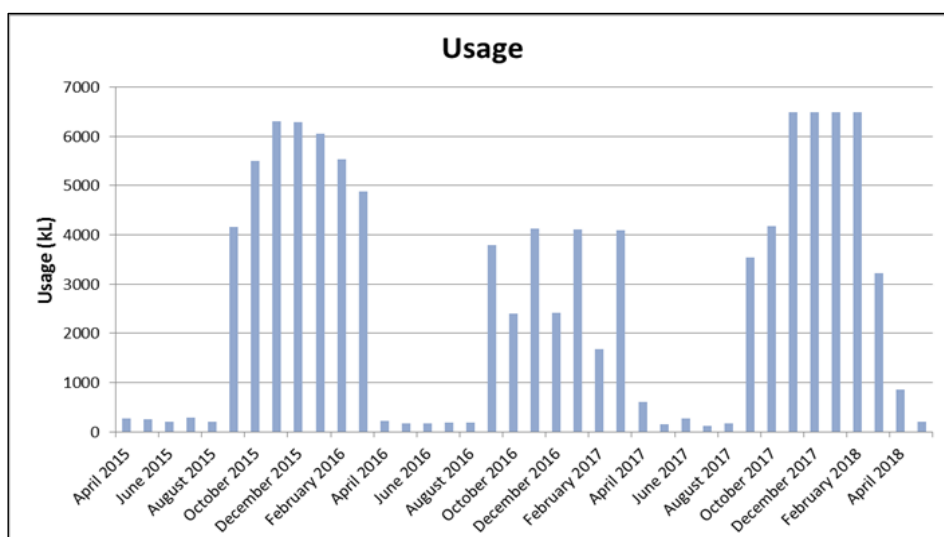
Type	2017/18
Casual Users	38,974
Learn to Swim	16,997
Pre-schoolers	2,335
Swim Club including carnivals	1,114
School Carnivals	3,524
Aqua Aerobics	1,975
Spectators/Carers	4,659
Other	205
TOTAL	69,783



Pools Condition

Pool(s)	Status (Defects & Non-compliance)
Outdoor Pools	Leaks, accessibility, uneven concourse, filtration is all one and not separated, age, scum gutters do not comply with today standards (wet deck required)
	Water use in summer season at peak - approx. 6,000,000L per month 200,000L per day
Indoor Pool	Plant - Air handling unit and heat pump need replacement, family amenities require renewal

Water Use



History of Leaks								
The outdoor pool is 89 years old (opened in 1929)								
In the 1990s shallow end return line broke and created a void which took 7m³ of concrete to fill (old valves concreted in) with return line moved to deep end.								
Mid 2000s pipes and scum gutter configuration renewed to stop water loss and concrete trench repaired on eastern side.								
Similarly the expansion joints were repaired to prevent leaks (a number of joints across and around the base where the walls meet the floors)								
2006 pool was closed for emergency repairs – leak was identified in pipe from outdoor Learn to Swim (LTS).								
2009 Council was advised to plan for the outdoor pool replacement as it was approaching its end of life.								
2010 grass at deep end of the pool subsided (2 & ½ meters down) dislodged pipe which was realigned.								
2010 pool diver inspection found minor leaks in scum gutters which were repaired.								
2015 pool divers found a leak from the old outlet drain and sealed.								
2016 the outlet drain was concreted in as part of refurbishment works.								
Late 2016 main pipes inspected to assess condition with no evidence of high water loss.								
Operational Costs								
Program Area	Specific Revenue \$ (other than General Rates)				Expenditure \$ (excl. Depreciation)			
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Aquatic Centres	654,970	697,639	790,890	826,170	1,226,561	1,111,750	1,184,989	1,272,302
Operating Result	(571,591)	(414,111)	(394,099)	(446,132)				
Development of DRAFT Master Plan								
2013 Muswellbrook Pool - Master Plan								
Early 2017 Aquatic Centre (Stage III) Sunset Committee meetings								
2017 Olympic Park Facility User Meetings x 3								
Early March meeting with Muswellbrook Amateur Swimming Club								
Draft Aquatic Centre Master Plan public exhibition from 13 March to 10 April 2018								
Drop-in information session held at the Aquatic Centre 22 March 2018								
Proposed								
Master Plan	Works							Capital Costs
Draft Aquatic Centre Master Plan Plan	Indoor 50m pool with separate LTS/Warm Water Program pool, Water Play area, and spa and sauna							7.5M
Council has been successful in grant applications for \$1M towards Water Play area from the NSW Government’s Stronger Country Communities fund and \$700k towards the LTS/Warm Water Program pool from the Ridgелands Community Fund.								

12.3 APPOINTMENT OF THE LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND DEPUTY

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - Acting General Manager
Author:	Michelle Sandell-Hay - PA to the General Manager
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Collaborative and responsive community leadership that meets the expectations and anticipates the needs of the community</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Enhanced collaboration with Council's community and stakeholders to ensure Council and its elected arm is best placed to make decisions in the best interest of the community.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Implement and maintain a diverse range of communication channels between Council and community stakeholders..</i>

PURPOSE

To appoint a new Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO) and 2 Deputy LEMO's.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. The Director – Community Infrastructure be appointed as the Local Emergency Management Officer.
2. That Council appoint 2 Officers to support the LEMO role as Deputy LEMO's. The Acting Director – Planning, Community & Corporate Services and the Manager Property and Building be appointed as Deputy Local Emergency Management Officer's.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

BACKGROUND

Fiona Plesman, in her role as Director – Planning, Community & Corporate Services was previously appointed to the role of Local Emergency Management Officer (LEMO)

CONSULTATION

Director – Community Infrastructure

Acting Director – Planning, Community & Corporate Services

CONSULTATION WITH COUNCILLOR SPOKESPERSON

Not applicable

REPORT

In accordance with the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989, The General Manager is appointed as LEMO to chair the Local Emergency Management Committee. This position involves the coordination and use of Council resources in the prevention, preparation and response to recovery from emergencies. Council is now being asked to consider delegating this role to the recently appointed Director – Community Infrastructure, Derek Finnigan, that he be appointed by Council as the LEMO for the Muswellbrook Shire Council area. It is also recommended that with Derek's nomination council

appoint 2 Deputy LEMO's, Carolyn O'Brien and Matt Lysaught, to provide support in carrying out the functions of the LEMO.

OPTIONS

The Director – Community Infrastructure be appointed as the Local Emergency Management Officer for the Muswellbrook Shire Council area.

CONCLUSION

Consideration be given to appoint the Director – Community Infrastructure as LEMO for the Muswellbrook Shire Council area.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

State Emergency and Rescue Management Act 1989.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable

OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

12.4 INFORMATION SERVICES STRATEGY UPDATE

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Jacob Godwell - Co-Ordinator - Information Services
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Continue to improve the affordability, livability and amenity of the Shire's communities</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Consider and deliver social inclusion principles across Council functions.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Include responsive adaptive actions in the Information Services Strategy.</i>

PURPOSE

Provide a status update of major projects within the delivery of the Information Services Strategy.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The information contained in this report be noted.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

REPORT

Fibre Optic Network – Construction started on 30th April for 8.5 kilometres of fibre optic cable connecting six of Council's site offices throughout Muswellbrook with a target completion date of 15th June 2018. Over 7.5 kilometres of underground boring has been completed to-date. A large amount of rock found during underground boring has caused a 5 week delay, moving the completion date from 15th June to 17th July. Remaining works include ARTC and RMS crossings, site office lead-ins, fibre hauling and splicing.

Six rock variations have been received amounting to approx. \$103k and due to breached contractual terms by the vendor, the variations were reduced to \$60k. Further negotiations ensued and Council reached a final agreement with the vendor to close off all six variations for \$33,600 and waive the \$2,500 per week liquidated damages for the 5 week delay. A subsequent variation of \$5k has been received and approved and there is a possibility of another two variations, the amounts for which are currently unknown. The approved variations contingency is \$84k and the current level of variations is within this target, with no expectations of exceeding this target.

Customer Request Management (CRM) – The CRM system implementation started in May after the successful upgrade to Authority version 7. The project has recently completed the first onsite workshop and is progressing on schedule with the development of request categories and workflows. eServices, Magiq Documents integration and Community Portal projects are all progressing in parallel to the CRM solution and are scheduled for completion in September 2018. This suite of solutions will provide Council with a centralised CRM solution that allows customers to make payments online and log and monitor CRM requests online.

Asset Management System (AMS) – The First Stage of the AMS implementation began early February 2018 with the creation and population of the Asset Register. The targeted asset classes Roads, Water and Waste water have been completed. Additional asset classes are being implemented in parallel to the next stage of the AMS implementation, which is maintenance management. The maintenance

management will introduce Council's first suite of apps that allow staff to complete inspections, defects and manage works through mobile and tablet devices while in the field. The first workshop for maintenance management has been completed and configuration is underway for pilot asset classes Waste, Water and Roads. GIS and Magiq Documents integration are currently being configured further centralising Council's systems and their interoperability. The AMS project is progressing on schedule with the final stage Strategic Asset Management scheduled for completion in November 2018.

Minor Projects:

- The successful completion of the photocopier renewal tender has achieved a total saving of \$20,614 annually for the life of the 5 year contract.
- The renegotiation and reconfiguration of Council's public and corporate internet links has provided major performance and capacity increases while saving over \$21,600 annually.
- The computer training room has been in use since February 2018. This facility has provided Council with the ability to host internal and external training sessions frequently substantially reducing training costs.
- A mobile phone audit is nearing completion with the potential cancellation of 40 services resulting in a saving of \$9,600 annually. On completion fixed land lines will be audited, similar saving are anticipated to be achieved.
- All Council offices now have WiFi connectivity allowing staff to move mobile and tablet devices uninterrupted between offices. Public WiFi is schedule to be enabled at the Aquatic Centre and Art Gallery by September.
- The introduction of electronic faxing has provided staff with more efficient and reliable means of faxing while saving \$1,200 annually.
- Collaborative meeting rooms project is completed in two meeting rooms providing customers and staff the ability to conduct video calls, teleconference and wirelessly connect to touch screen LED display.
- All onsite security systems at Council offices have now been centralised allowing IT to assist building services to program security configurations and reduce third party support costs.
- Numerous risk analysis projects have been completed including external network security penetration testing, phishing email risk assessment and analysis from security specialist consultants. A summary IT risk report will be presented in October 2018 identifying mitigation strategies.

12.5 FIBRE OPTIC EXTENSION TO ANIMAL SHELTER SITE

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Jacob Godwell - Co-Ordinator - Information Services
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Continue to improve the affordability, livability and amenity of the Shire's communities</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Consider and deliver social inclusion principles across Council functions.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Include responsive adaptive actions in the Information Services Strategy.</i>

PURPOSE

Funding be considered for the construction of fibre optic between the Recycled Water Treatment Plant and the proposed new animal shelter.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

Council approve funding of \$135,000 for the construction of fibre optic connectivity to the proposed new animal care facility to be funded as recommended by the CFO from the Fibre Optic Contingency Fund (\$20k), the Corporate Community Services Capital General Program (\$153k) and the Capital Contingency Budget (\$200k).

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

BACKGROUND

Council is in progress of replacing the site-to-site microwave connectivity with fibre optic cable. This project provides Council with a reliable, high performing, long term, scalable technology solution enabling future innovation and growth within Council.

CONSULTATION

Desktop quotation has been sought with CitySmart Solutions, a business unit within Coffs Harbour City Council, which is the current contractor constructing Council's fibre optic network.

REPORT

Investigation in the extension of the fibre optic network to the proposed new animal shelter has been conducted. The extension would include an additional 1.5 kilometres of underground boring from the Recycled Water Treatment Plant to the proposed new animal shelter site.

While the current fibre optic network is still under construction it would be cost effective to extend the current network while the contractor is still on-site. This would avoid costs associated with mobilisation and site establishment.

An estimate of \$135,000 has been provided by the current contractor CitySmart Solutions, this price includes cost saving considerations from extending current contract.

A microwave connection from the Recycled Water Treatment Plant to the new animal shelter is estimated at \$40,000. As previously established microwave connectivity does not meet Council's business needs moving into the future.

OPTIONS

	Option	Risks	Budget
1	Extend current Fibre contract to include new site	Initial estimate is inaccurate.	\$135,000
2	Implemented microwave connected to new site	Implementation of a solution council has identified unsuitable for future business needs.	\$40,000
3	Seek quotations for fibre optic to new site	Potential requirement to conduct lengthy tender processes for a higher rate as contractors will include additional associated costs. May not be deliverable on time with completion of site office construction.	Estimated \$170,000

CONCLUSION

To ensure the new animal shelter site has reliable and scalable connectivity moving into the future it is recommend that council provide \$135,000 funding for the extension of the fibre optic network.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S COMMENTS

\$20k is expected to remain unspent from the current fibre optic project's contingency fund. Approximately \$50k could be allocated from the \$153k available in the Corporate, Community Services Capital General program. The remaining \$65k could be funded from the Capital Contingency Budget which has \$200k.

12.6 LOCAL GOVERNMENT NSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Carolyn O'Brien - Acting Director - Planning, Community & Corporate Services
Author:	Joshua Brown - Co-ordinator Executive Services
Community Plan Issue:	<i>Progressive leadership</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>That Muswellbrook Shire is well led and managed</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Sound policy development</i>

PURPOSE

To advise Councillors of the upcoming Local Government NSW Annual Conference and offer Councillors the opportunity to attend and hold voting rights.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

- The General Manager or her nominee be authorised to attend the 2018 Annual Local Government NSW Conference in Albury to be held 21-23 October 2018.**
- Councillors and be elected voting delegates.**
- Arrangements be made for registration, accommodation and travel to the Conference.**

Moved: _____ **Seconded:** _____

BACKGROUND

The Local Government NSW Annual Conference is scheduled for 21-23 October 2018 in Albury. Council is entitled to voting rights at the Conference.

CONSULTATION

General Manager

REPORT

The Local Government NSW annual conference will be held at the Albury Entertainment Centre from Sunday, 21 October through to Tuesday, 23 October 2018.

Council's entitlement consists of two (2) delegates with voting rights for elections for Office Bearers and the Board, and the voting on motions. Other councillors can attend as observers but without voting rights. The usual conditions associated with attendance are:

- The delegates and observers travel to the Conference in a Council vehicle, if convenient.
- Council meets registration expenses, accommodation expenses, travel expenses and reasonable out of pocket expenses associated with delegates attending the Annual Conference in accordance with its written Policy.

The cost per registered delegate is \$840 (early bird rate before 17 September – standard cost is \$940) together with a range of costs for optional activities, including training (\$44), conference dinner (\$110) and ALGWA breakfast (\$55). Additional costs will be incurred for partners depending on which functions are to be attended as these are not covered in the registration fee.

Travel arrangements will be made in accordance with the number of Councillors wishing to attend.

OPTIONS

Council may determine to not send delegates to the Conference.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that two councillors be elected as voting delegates and that the General Manager or her nominee and any other councillors be authorised to attend the Conference as observers should they wish.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Early bird conference fees are \$840 for each delegate with costs to be met from the allocation from Members Expenses. Travel, accommodation and sustenance expenses will be reimbursed in accordance with "Policy C42/1 Payment of Expenses and Provisions of Facilities to Councillors".

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

OPERATIONAL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

12.7 DIRECTOR'S REPORT - PLANNING, COMMUNITY & CORPORATE SERVICES

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Carolyn O'Brien - Acting Director - Planning, Community & Corporate Services
Author:	Chloe Wuiske - Administration Officer Kim Manwarring - Co-Ordinator, Community Partnerships Jade Richardson - Co-Ordinator, Customer Service & Administration
Community Plan Issue:	<i>A Council that is well managed, efficient and properly resourced and that is responsive to its communities and stakeholders</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Maintain a strong focus on financial discipline to enable Council to properly respond to the needs of the communities it serves.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Appropriate matters are reported to Council in a timely manner in accordance with the Financial Control and Reporting Policy.</i>

PURPOSE

This report describes outcomes of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan for the months of May and June (partially).

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

1. The information contained in this report be noted, and
2. An Extra-Ordinary meeting of Council take place on 16 July, 2018.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

REPORT

PLANNING & REGULATORY SERVICES

1. Statistical Information

Note: Statistics for Section 149 Planning Certificates, Development Applications, Construction Certificates and Complying Development Certificates are distributed separately to Councillors with whole of month data prior to the Council meeting. The statistics are also available on Council's website.

Schedule 1: Development Applications Approved (31 May to 26 June 2018)

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY	VALUE (\$)
2018/45	Ancillary Structure - Storage Shed	112 Ironbark Road Muswellbrook	55,921.00
2018/42	Ancillary Structure - Carport	3 Wilson Street Muswellbrook	10,300.00
2018/41	Ancillary Structure - Garage	49 Bimbadeen Drive Muswellbrook	11,248.00
2018/36	Shed and Patio	20 Henry Dangar Drive	34,000.00

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY	VALUE (\$)
		Muswellbrook	
2018/29	Erect Garage	2 Forbes Street Muswellbrook	32,750.00
2018/25	Change of Use of Existing Dwelling to Secondary Dwelling and Erect a New Principal Dwelling	578 Sandy Creek Road Muswellbrook	442,743.00
2018/12	Construction of Pipeline to Connect to Ravensworth Ash Line to Enable Transfer of Water from Bayswater Ash Dam to Ravensworth Void Four (4).	Savoy Parish County Durham	80,000.00
2018/4	Continuation of use as a Dwelling	Golden Highway Giants Creek	-
2017/38/2	S96 (1A) Modification - Change Length of Shed from 8m Long to 14m Long	45 Sowerby Street Muswellbrook	-

Schedule 2: Development Applications Currently Being Assessed

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY	RECEIVED	VALUE (\$)
2018/54	Demolition of a Commercial Building and the Construction of a Two (2) Storey Building for Use as a Tertiary Education Establishment and Food and Drink Premises, Alterations and Additions to the 'Loxton House', Heritage Listed Item, and the Use of Level 1 of this Building as a Tertiary Education Establishment, Alterations and Additions to the Muswellbrook Public Library and Ancillary Works.	140 Bridge Street Muswellbrook	15/06/2018	3,250,000
2018/53	Dwelling Alterations and Additions - Alfresco, Pool and Front Portico	9 Yammanie Way Muswellbrook	15/06/2018	90,000
2018/52	New Dwelling House	14 Lorne Street Muswellbrook	14/06/2018	457,248
2018/51	Farm Building - Stable	420 Dalswinton Road Dalswinton	14/06/2018	77,100
2018/50	Recreational Facility Infrastructure - Deck	Turner Street Denman	07/06/2018	8,000
2018/49	Ancillary Development - Carport	7 Malbec Street Muswellbrook	06/06/2018	8,000
2018/48	Change of Building Use to Dwelling House and Alterations and Additions	1820 Merriwa Road Sandy Hollow	01/06/2018	12,936
2018/47	Boarding House	28 Wollombi Road Muswellbrook	31/05/2018	183,700
2003/72/4	S4.55(2) Modification - Alter Hours of Operation of Restaurant Drive-thru (McDonald's)	83-89 Maitland Street Muswellbrook	31/05/2018	-

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY	RECEIVED	VALUE (\$)
2018/46	Farm Building - Stables	3483 Jerrys Plains Road Jerrys Plains	16/05/2018	289,300
2018/44	Farm Building	3367 Golden Highway Jerrys Plains	14/05/2018	72,243
2018/43	Dwelling House	20a Grey Gum Road Denman	11/05/2018	516,710
2018/40	Dwelling Alterations and Additions	8522 New England Highway Muswellbrook	10/05/2018	40,287
2018/39	Alterations and additions to a heritage listed dwelling	300 Baerami Creek Road Baerami	10/05/2018	48,000
2018/38	Industrial Extension and Installation of Portable Shipping Container	5-7 Industrial Close Muswellbrook	04/05/2018	6,500
2018/37	Facade Refurbishment, New Awning, New Stairs, New Ramp, New Lift and Lift Lobby	160-162 Bridge Street Muswellbrook	03/05/2018	495,000
2018/26	Construct Temporary Igloo Structure over Existing Hard Stand Area to Perform Sand Blasting and Painting Operations	18-22 Carramere Road Muswellbrook	23/03/2018	80,000
2018/23	Placement of 2 Bedroom Transportable Dwelling	3212 Bylong Valley Way Baerami	15/03/2018	266,000
2018/20	First Use & Fit-Out to Existing Commercial Building for 'Repco'	4 Lorne Street Muswellbrook	06/03/2018	126,500
2017/17/2	S96(2) Modification - Add Satellite Dish, External Mast Structure and Emergency Generator	56 Brook Street Muswellbrook	02/03/2018	-
2018/18	Water Treatment and Recycling Plant ancillary to Existing Winery and Distillery	Hunter Street Muswellbrook	28/02/2018	400,000
2002/342/5	S96(2) Modification - Consolidate Two Consent Documents into One with Modified Conditions Where Applicable	8440 New England Highway Muswellbrook	28/02/2018	-
2018/11	Pool Shed	26 Kingfisher Court Muscle Creek	20/02/2018	7,135
2017/58/2	S96 (1A) Modification - Modify Condition 8	Jerdan Street Denman	19/02/2018	-
2018/8	Painting Exterior of Medical Practice	80 Brook Street Muswellbrook	08/02/2018	-
2017/110	Proposed Business Identification Signage	4 Lorne Street Muswellbrook	19/12/2017	6,000
2017/108	Extension to Existing Commercial Building	4 Lorne Street Muswellbrook	14/12/2017	44,000

DA No.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY	RECEIVED	VALUE (\$)
2017/95	Concrete Block Retaining Wall and Steel Framed Shed	70-72 Ironbark Road Muswellbrook	27/10/2017	145,000
2017/76	Renovations and Additions to Racing and Function Centre	16 Sheppard Avenue Muswellbrook	24/08/2017	4,000,000
2017/60	Change of Use - Building Materials Recycling Depot	7 Glen Munro Road Muswellbrook	23/06/2017	-
2000/212/6	S96(1a) Modification - Extension of timeframe of Operations & Extraction Area, Site Plan, Removal of Conditions	2449 Denman Road Muswellbrook	29/05/2017	-
2016/111/2	S96(1a) Modification -Extend Existing Retaining Wall by Six (6) Metres	33 Shaw Crescent Muswellbrook	10/03/2017	-
2016/32	Placement of Fill	110 Merriwa Road Denman	12/04/2016	5,000

4.07.01.1 - On-site sewage management systems meet regulatory standards. Ensure all on site sewage management systems have necessary approvals and inspections are to be carried out.

On-site Wastewater Statistics - 13 Month Analysis (2017/2018)

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Applications Received (new installation)	1	0	0	1	2	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	1
Applications Approved (new installation)	0	1	1	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	3	1	1
Inspections (new system)	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	6	1	0
Inspections (existing system)	31	14	26	1	11	2	16	14	13	6	3	1	0

4.01.01.1 - Reduce the environmental impact of development on our community by carrying out regular inspection of building sites and monitoring waste.

Building Site Compliance Inspection Statistics – 13 Month Analysis (2017/2018)

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Total Sites Inspected	0	0	0	0	2	3	3	0	3	0	0	3	4
Total non-compliant and educated	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Total compliance after education	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1
Total Penalty Notices Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.06.01.1 - Increase surveillance and regulation of illegal dumping.**Illegal Dumping Statistics – 13 Month Analysis (2017/2018)**

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Total Investigations	5	2	5	4	3	4	4	3	6	10	4	5	7
Total Clean up by Council - insufficient evidence	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	3	4	2	2	5
Total Clean Up by individual	0	0	3	2	0	1	1	2	3	6	2	2	0
Total Penalty Notices Issued	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Court Attendance Notice Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Still under investigation	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

4.04.04.4 - Enhance public safety and wellbeing of the community by undertaking an inspection program for swimming pools within the Local Government Area**Swimming Pool Compliance Statistics – 13 Month Analysis (2017/2018)**

	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Applications for Compliance Certs.	1	0	1	2	1	2	6	1	0	1	2	6	3

Total compliance inspections (not inc. Final Insp. for Occ. Certs)	19	8	19	29	27	19	23	18	14	7	8	4	5
Initial Inspections	1	4	17	23	21	8	15	14	11	6	7	3	4
Re-inspections	18	4	2	6	6	11	8	4	3	1	1	1	1

Compliance Certs / Occ. Certs issued	27	7	15	21	21	13	20	12	8	6	6	2	2
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Total Pools in Council's Swimming Pool Register = 864**Compliance as at 30 June 2017 = 63.7%****Current Compliance = 66.4%**

(i.e. 574 out of 864 pools have a valid Compliance Certificate or Occupation Certificate.

Note: Certificate is valid for 3 years)

Percentage of pools inspected during Financial Year 2017/2018 = 14.9%

(i.e. 129 out of 864 pools have had at least one inspection carried out during FY 2017/2018. Council's program outlines that we will inspect 10% of pools per year).

COMMUNITY SERVICES**2.4 Upper Hunter Regional Library****Community Strategic Plan Outcome – 6.5 Provide quality library facilities and services**

Delivery Program Outcome - 6.5.1 Build membership and patronage through strategic marketing and planning of library services.

- a) *Work collaboratively with existing community services and interagency networks to identify a range of programs and services that the library service can support.***

During the last few months, Upper Hunter Regional Library Services delivered the following programs and projects:

Services: Muswellbrook and Denman Libraries	
Computer bookings total for the month of 22 nd May to 18 th June 2018	652 - users 699 - hours
Denman users	47 - users
Cuddle & Bounce/Storytime total as of 13 th June 2018	188 babies and/or children, parents/carers
Home Library Service (Delivered fortnightly/monthly)	10 members 125 items/books
Mini Library (delivered bi-monthly)	320 items in 5 sites
Regular/Special Events:	
Crafty Hour every fortnight	20 adults
Thinker Kruncher (Brain Training) every fortnight	18 adults
National Simultaneous Storytime 'Hickory Dickory Dash by Tony Wilson and Laura Wood'	Muswellbrook 83 children/educators Denman – 65 children and 12 educators.
Scott Whitaker – Railway Hotels of Australia @ MbK Scott Whittaker – Denman,	10 adults 8 adults
Multicultural Storytime with the MBK Multi-cultural Group	37 children/educators
Lego Club @ your Libraries – Launching last 7 th June 2018	24 kids
Lego Club Denman	7 kids
Displays:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Muswellbrook High School –Visual Arts students • Heritage Festival by Muswellbrook Shire Family and Historical Society LTD Inc. • Craft books/graphic novel – near meeting room 	

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special resources (Dyslexia and Braille books) behind the counter | |
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Branch Statistics

Current items in the Muswellbrook collection 26,510.

Current items in the Denman collection 4,129 items.

Loans Statistics - Location: Denman - & Muswellbrook – 5687 (MBK 5687, DNM 466)

New Members – Location: Muswellbrook 75, Denman 22

Muswellbrook current members 7082

EBook loans: 71

eAudio Loans: 102

Emagazine Loans: unable to read this month.

Wi-Fi Usage:

- Muswellbrook: unable to supply, has had some IT interruptions this month ongoing issues.
- Denman: 31 sessions

With 31 users

ILL Requests:

- 9 Requests on behalf of our borrowers: 14 coming from other NSW Public Libraries from previous requests.

Social Media:

Total Page Likes (Facebook): 928 increase of 24% this month

Programs

2018 is the first year that Year 12 students at Muswellbrook High School will attend their HSC examinations offsite.

The Denman stocktake has been completed with two consecutive days of weeding, rehoming and deleting out of date stock. Many items have been moved around to other branches and missing series have been replenished. The library was also given a facelift with new spaces created for groups and visitors to use.

MUSWELLBROOK & DENMAN AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

- The Muswellbrook Aquatic & Fitness Centre won an Excellence Customer Service Team of the Year Award at the ARI - NSW Conference;
- FOD (FITNESS ON DEMAND) has been installed in both rooms, the Aquatic and Fitness Team are now working on the programming and marketing;
- All budget expectations have been realized.

Statistics are as follows:

Muswellbrook

Month	Learn to Swim	Gym Patronage	General Entry	Aqua Aerobics
May	394 Enrolled Term 2 1473 visits	786	4055	233

Month	Learn to Swim	Gym Patronage	General Entry	Aqua Aerobics
June	394 Enrolled Term 2 1213 visits	685	3269	159
July	394 Enrolled Term 3 756 visits	622	2546	115
August	402 Enrolled Term 3 1289 visits	683	3652	85
September	502 Enrolled Term 3 872 visits	667	4972	140
October	519 Enrolled Term 4 1336 visits	867	7466	174
November	544 Enrolled Term 4 1555 visits	581	7789	203
December	544 Enrolled Term 4 754 Visits	867	3709	79
January	Holidays	1011	3854	118
February	546 Enrolled Term 1 494 visits	714	3803	197
March	557 Enrolled Term 1 1673	788	4799	201
April	392 Enrolled Term 2 915 visits	654	3760	167
May	451 Enrolled Term 2 1348 visits	642	3866	117 - numbers down as staff sick
June	458 Enrolled Term 2	633	3583	160

Month	Learn to Swim	Gym Patronage	General Entry	Aqua Aerobics
	1243			

Turnstile Entry	6-10 years	11-16 years	17- Adults
December	263	249	696
January	402	425	1236
February	225	251	725
March	110	110	541
April	124	117	464
May	53	60	312
June	30	37	247

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TEAM 2017/18

5.3.3 Identify a new location for Upper Hunter Youth Services and provide support to the organisation regarding their relocation

Community Partnerships Team has been working with Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc Management Committee during this reporting period discussing venue requirements the organisation. The Committee representatives have met with Council to discuss their requirements in preparation for their eventual relocation.

5.3.4 Deliver a Youth Week Event

The delivery of the 2018 Youth Week Event was highly successful this year with over 100 young people and their families attending the event which was delivered by Upper Hunter Youth Services Inc in partnership with Wanaruah Local Aboriginal Land Council.

6.1.1 Deliver the Stronger Families Stronger Communities strategy with regard to people in social housing in partnership with other providers over two financial years

Working with vulnerable families is a key focus for the Collaborative Impact Facilitation Project in particular in the three issue based priority areas that the Muswellbrook Coalition Group have collectively identified; alcohol and other drug misuse; access to mental health support services and domestic violence. Some of the key outcomes for the CIF Project this reporting period has been the development of a social indicators discussion paper which will guide the Coalition and internal Council discussion; the facilitation of a combined Community Services Interagency Training to build the capacity of services to design and develop evidence based programs and the effective use of data. This training was delivered in partnership with the University of Newcastle Family Action Centre. The CIF Project facilitated the review of early Years Network as well the development of a Terms of Reference that will provide sustainability of the Network beyond the CIF Project. Work will continue in the next reporting period with the early Child Care Centres in reviewing their learning frameworks and building respect and gender equity programs.

7.1.1 Develop a discussion paper that describes the current social indicators across Muswellbrook Shire following the release of the 2016 ABS Census.

The Social Indicators Paper is complete and is an internal Council document.

7.2.2 Continue the internal oversight of the accessibility audit through the internal Accessibility Audit Committee.

The Internal Access and Equity Committee have met several times through this reporting period and have continued to utilise the recommendation contained in the accessibility audit to improve the access within council buildings and sporting venues.

8.1.2 Support the Denman Children's Centre Extension project

The Community Partnerships team have worked closely with Denman Children's Centre in the collation of their proposed plans and information that has been successfully presented to relevant funding providers. Work will continue with this group to realise their development application and support to resolve land management issues.

8.1.3 Implement the review of the Children's Services Strategic Plan following the release of the ABS Census data and assess gaps in the delivery that might require increased childcare, early childhood education and preschool options.

This has not occurred this reporting period due to the lack of capacity in the Community Partnerships Team.

9.2.1 Review and revise the ageing strategy in consultation with residents of Muswellbrook Shire

The Ageing strategy has not been completed due to the lack of capacity in the Community Partnerships Team.

9.2.4 Partner with other community groups and organisations to deliver a directory of Seniors Week events.

The Muswellbrook Seniors Festival 2018 service directory is complete and over 2000 brochures were distributed locally promoting over 10 local events during this important week during 4-15 April as well as social media links to the Seniors Week Festival, Council, Aquatic Centre and Library website and Facebook links.

10.1.1 Facilitate and support the Aboriginal Culture and Heritage working group

This group has met three times during this reporting period.

10.1.3 Over the next two years deliver the local Oral History project to provide elders and others with an opportunity to share their stories

The Aboriginal Oral History Project is well underway and it is anticipated that it will be completed by the end of next financial year. The Reference Group has determined the Consultant to carry out this project and is now moving into the next phase of recording people stories. This has been an extensive project so far and essential that time is allocated to the establishment of the project.

10.1.4 Monitor the conservation of the Aboriginal Mural and Aboriginal Relic project to ensure that conservation occurs when required

Conservation is not required this reporting period however the Mural is surveyed by Council staff on a regular basis to ensure that there is no obvious damage such as graffiti.

10.2.1 Work with the Aboriginal community to improve access to cultural and educational activities

This concept has been explored by the Aboriginal Reconciliation Committee this year and remains in their agenda for exploration into the next reporting period.

CORPORATE SERVICES

The revised Revenue Policy is currently on exhibition until 11 July, 2018. It is proposed to consider submissions and adopt the Revenue Policy at an Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Council on Monday 16 July, 2018 commencing at 6.00pm.

13 REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

13.1 REPORT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Michelle Sandell-Hay - PA to the General Manager
Community Plan Issue:	<i>A Council that is well managed, efficient and properly resourced and that is responsive to its communities and stakeholders</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Maintain a strong focus on financial discipline to enable Council to properly respond to the needs of the communities it serves.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Appropriate matters are reported to Council in a timely manner in accordance with the Financial Control and Reporting Policy.</i>

PURPOSE

To facilitate Council's adoption of the recommendations of the meeting of the Infrastructure Committee held on 28 June 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018 be received and the recommendations contained therein **ADOPTED**.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

REPORT

The Infrastructure Committee met on Thursday 28 June 2018.

The Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

DECISIONS REQUIRING A NEW BUDGET ALLOCATION

Item Ref	Description	\$	GL No.

PRESENT: Cr B.N. Woodruff (Chair), Cr M. Rush, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr J. Foy, Cr M. Green, Cr J. Ledlin, Cr R. Scholes and Cr S. Ward.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms F. Plesman (General Acting Manager), Mr D. Finnigan (Director, Community Infrastructure), Ms C. O'Brien (Acting Director, Planning, Community & Corporate Services), Ms N. Cowley (Manager, Corporate Services), Ms S. Pope (Executive Manager – Planning, Environment & Regulatory Services), Mr A. Mitreski (Policy Officer), Mr M. Lysaught (Manager, Property & Building Services), Mr E. Ediriwickrama (Manager, Roads & Drainage), Ms L. Payne (Coordinator, Financial Services), Ms K. Scholes (Acting Manager, Technical Services), Mr J. Brown (Executive Services Co-Ordinator), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (PA to General Manager), Mrs N. Argent (PA to Mayor), No people in the public gallery and No media representatives.

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Ward that:

The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr. S. Bailey, Cr. J. Eades, Cr. G. McNeill and Cr. S. Reynolds be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Ward and Green that:

The Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee held on 30 May 2018, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

3 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

5 BUSINESS

Nil

6 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Green and Scholes that:

The Committee adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

7.1 JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT - PROGRESS ON THE RECYCLE WATER TREATMENT WORKS PROJECT

Item 7.1 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section10A(2)(c) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with information that would, if disclosed, confer a commercial advantage on a person with whom the council is conducting (or proposes to conduct) business, and the Committee considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

7 CLOSED COMMITTEE

7.1 JUNE QUARTERLY REPORT - PROGRESS ON THE RECYCLE WATER TREATMENT WORKS PROJECT

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Foy that:

That Council note the quarterly progress report on the provision of the new recycle water treatment works up to June 2018.

8 RESUMPTION OF OPEN COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Foy and Ledlin that:

The meeting return to Open Committee.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25 July 2018

10 CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 4.37 pm.

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Fiona Plesman

Acting General Manager

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Cr Brett Woodruff

Chairperson

**13.2 REPORT OF THE CORPORATE POLICY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 28 JUNE 2018**

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Michelle Sandell-Hay - PA to the General Manager
Community Plan Issue:	<i>A Council that is well managed, efficient and properly resourced and that is responsive to its communities and stakeholders</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Maintain a strong focus on financial discipline to enable Council to properly respond to the needs of the communities it serves.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Appropriate matters are reported to Council in a timely manner in accordance with the Financial Control and Reporting Policy.</i>

PURPOSE

To facilitate Council's adoption of the recommendations of the meeting of the Corporate Policy And Planning Committee held on 28 June 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Minutes of the Corporate Policy And Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 June 2018 be received and the recommendations contained therein ADOPTED.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

REPORT

The Corporate Policy And Planning Committee met on Thursday 28 June 2018.

The Minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

DECISIONS REQUIRING A NEW BUDGET ALLOCATION

Item Ref	Description	\$	GL No.

PRESENT: Cr R. Scholes (Chair), Cr M. Rush, Cr J. Foy, Cr M. Green, Cr J. Ledlin, Cr S. Ward and Cr B.N. Woodruff.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms F. Plesman (General Acting Manager), Mr D. Finnigan (Director, Community Infrastructure), Ms C. O'Brien (Acting Director, Planning, Community & Corporate Services), Ms N. Cowley (Manager, Corporate Services), Ms S. Pope (Executive Manager – Planning, Environment & Regulatory Services), Mr A. Mitreski (Policy Officer), Mr M. Lysaught (Manager, Property & Building Services), Mr E. Ediriwickrama (Manager, Roads & Drainage), Ms L. Payne (Coordinator, Financial Services), Ms K. Scholes (Acting Manager, Technical Services), Mr J. Brown (Executive Services Co-Ordinator), Mrs M. Sandell-Hay (PA to General Manager), Mrs N. Argent (PA to Mayor), No people in the public gallery and No media representatives.

1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Scholes and Ward that:

The apologies for inability to attend the meeting submitted by Cr. S. Bailey, Cr M. Bowditch, Cr. G. McNeill, Cr. J. Eades and Cr. S Reynolds be ACCEPTED and the necessary Leave of Absence be GRANTED.

2 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Green and Woodruff that:

The Minutes of the Corporate Policy & Planning Committee held on 30 May 2018, a copy of which has been distributed to all members, be taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

3 DISCLOSURE OF ANY PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

Nil

4 BUSINESS ARISING

Cr Woodruff asked why Mr Jeff Wolfgang was not invited to speak at the previous Corporate Policy & Planning Committee meeting?

Cr Rush advised that he and Mr Lysaught had met with Mr Wolfgang regarding the Denman & District Heritage Village on the 6 June 2018. In this meeting Mr Wolfgang requested funding for an extension of the shed to expand over two netball courts on the Denman Village Master Plan. Cr Rush put the proposal to Mr Wolfgang to build a barn style shed with a mezzanine floor, to which Mr Wolfgang agreed. The Denman Village Master Plan will be updated to include the change and a report will be submitted to Council for consideration.

5 BUSINESS

5.1 MUSWELLBROOK REGIONAL ARTS CENTRE - PROVISION OF CAFE SERVICES

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Rush and Green that:

A new round of Expressions of Interests be prepared contemplating more flexible arrangements, that the Arts Centre be invited to submit an Expressions of Interest and that consequential arrangements be managed by the General Manager.

5.2 REPORT ON INVESTMENTS HELD AS AT 31 MAY 2018

RECOMMENDED on the motion of Crs Woodruff and Ward that:

The information showing Council's investments as at 31 May, 2018 be noted and the exceeded trading limits on four issuers be accepted.

6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

25 July 2018

7 CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 4.47pm.

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Fiona Plesman

Acting General Manager

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Rod Scholes

Chairperson

13.3 REPORT OF THE MT ARTHUR COMMUNITY FUNDING INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 7 JUNE 2018

Attachments:	Nil
Responsible Officer:	Fiona Plesman - General Manager
Author:	Michelle Sandell-Hay - PA to the General Manager
Community Plan Issue:	<i>A Council that is well managed, efficient and properly resourced and that is responsive to its communities and stakeholders</i>
Community Plan Goal:	<i>Maintain a strong focus on financial discipline to enable Council to properly respond to the needs of the communities it serves.</i>
Community Plan Strategy:	<i>Appropriate matters are reported to Council in a timely manner in accordance with the Financial Control and Reporting Policy.</i>

PURPOSE

To inform Council of a meeting of the Mt Arthur Community Funding Investment Committee held on 7 June 2018.

OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

The minutes for the Mt Arthur Community Funding Investment Committee meeting held on Thursday 7 June 2018 be NOTED.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

REPORT

The Executive Officer reports that the Mt Arthur Community Funding Investment Committee met on Thursday 7 June 2018.

The minutes of the meeting are attached for the information of the Councillors.

14 NOTICES OF MOTION / RESCISSION

Nil

15 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE

Nil

16 COUNCILLORS REPORTS**17 QUESTIONS FOR NEXT MEETING****18 ADJOURNMENT INTO CLOSED COUNCIL**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005, business of a kind referred to in Section 10A(2) of the Act should be dealt with in a Confidential Session of the Council meeting closed to the press and public.

19 CLOSED COUNCIL**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adjourn into Closed Session and members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the Closed Session, and access to the correspondence and reports relating to the items considered during the course of the Closed Session be withheld unless declassified by separate resolution. This action is taken in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act, 1993 as the items listed come within the following provisions:

19.1 TENDER NO. 2017-2018-0272 - STRENGTHENING OF SPRING CREEK BRIDGE

Item 19.1 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2)(d)(i) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with commercial information of a confidential nature that would, if disclosed prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

19.2 Muswellbrook Shire Council Proposed New Organisational Structure

Item 19.2 is classified CONFIDENTIAL under the provisions of Section 10A(2)(a) of the local government act 1993, as it deals with personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors), and Council considers that discussion of the matter in an open meeting would be, on balance, contrary to the public interest.

Moved: _____ Seconded: _____

20 RESUMPTION OF OPEN COUNCIL

21 CLOSURE

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 14 AUGUST 2018