

New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

New centre features, Development Application lodged and next steps



The South Australian Government is designing, building and operating a new aquatic centre in the Adelaide City northern Park Lands at Pardipardinyilla / Denise Norton Park (Park 2).

The design of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre is based on extensive community and stakeholder feedback to ensure it becomes a landmark health and aquatic wellness centre that is sensitive to the Park Lands.

We are committed to keeping you regularly updated on the progress of this project.

Last month we shared initial artist impressions of the new building concept design as well as information about the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre facilities and planned closure of the existing centre.

The project has now reached its next important milestone – a Development Application has been lodged for approval. This application includes updated artist impressions of the concept design, a planning report that describes the proposed development, as well as a series of reports and assessments.

We continue to work with the City of Adelaide on the approach to return the footprint of the existing Aquatic Centre back to Park Lands. A range of recreational and sporting uses will be provided at this location, consistent with the objectives and outcomes of the Adelaide Park Lands Management Strategy.

Insights from over 1200 people, as well as extensive engagement with pool user groups, informed the design of the new centre.

Artist impression looking south-east



The sustainably designed centre has a reduced building footprint and building height when compared to the existing Aquatic Centre building.



There will be enhanced park trails and pathways within Park 2.

Development Application

The new Adelaide Aquatic Centre needs to be assessed and approved by the State Commission Assessment Panel (SCAP) through a Development Application.

SCAP is an independent panel, experienced in assessing development applications of a significant scale.

The SCAP will assess the design and plans of the new centre against the Planning and Design Code. This includes the size, location and appearance of the building as well as other important elements such as traffic, car parking and trees and vegetation.

The Development Application process includes a public notification period that provides the community the opportunity to review the plans and provide feedback on what is proposed.

You can find out more information about the Development Application on the PlanSA website: plan.sa.gov.au/have_your_say/notified_developments

Protecting the Park Lands

The building concept design and positioning of the building has been carefully considered to respect the National Heritage Values and integrate into the Park Lands setting.

Tree removal will be required for the project however the large majority of trees to be removed are non-native or trees that are in poor health.

Importantly, the significant and regulated trees along Barton Terrace West and Jeffcott Road will be retained.

The impact to trees will continue to be minimised wherever possible as part of the detailed design and construction processes.

The associated planting strategy, being developed in consultation with City of Adelaide, is focused on increasing biodiversity, improving amenity and re-establishing tree canopy across Park 2.

Planning for the closure of the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre

Since we informed you last month that the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre will close in August 2024, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) has continued working with pool users and operators to identify the most suitable alternative options during the closure period.

Based on their preliminary assessment, ORSR is confident that all pool users will be accommodated during the closure period.

We know it's important that we make the transition as seamless as possible and find solutions that best meet the different needs of user groups.

We have a dedicated hotline and email address if you have any questions about closure. You can reach us on



1800 942 974 or via



email AACUserInfo@sa.gov.au.

Thank you for your patience while this important planning work is done to ensure the arrangements during the closure period best meet pool users' needs.

Details about the alternative options available will be shared with pool users in October 2023.

Artist impression looking south



Plans for the broader Park 2 area

The footprint of the existing centre will return to Park Lands.

A range of recreational and sporting uses, consistent with the type of uses currently within Park 2, will be provided north of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre. New walking and cycling pathways will improve connectivity within Park 2 and link to the wider connectivity of the Park Lands Trail.

We are working with the City of Adelaide to finalise the details and will share more information once available.

The Bush Magic playground will remain open in its current location.

What's next?

Initial site establishment works are planned to start later in 2023.

Access to the sporting fields to the south of the existing centre will close in October 2023 to facilitate site establishment.

More detail about construction staging will be provided once the builder has been appointed.

For more information



Visit dit.sa.gov.au/aac

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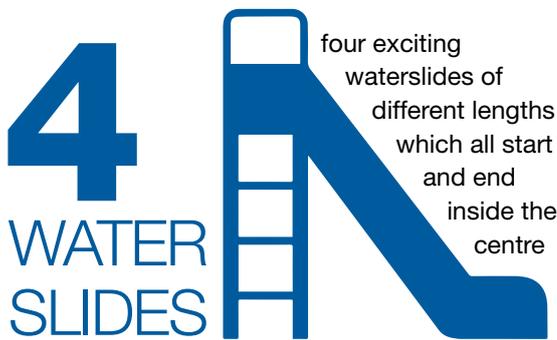
Fast Facts

The new Adelaide Aquatic Centre will have:



4 INDOOR POOLS and 1 OUTDOOR POOL

- 50 m (10 lane) indoor pool (heated) which can be converted to 2 x 25 m pools when needed. Its depth will be appropriate for a range of functions, such as lap swimming and water polo
- 25 m outdoor pool with a lagoon edge and some shading
- Dedicated warm water rehabilitation pool
- Dedicated learn to swim pool
- Indoor leisure water pool and splash pad



four exciting waterslides of different lengths which all start and end inside the centre

PROVISION FOR ENTRY LEVEL DIVING



SPECTATOR SEATING

for around 600 people next to the 50 m pool



OUTDOOR LANDSCAPED AQUATIC AREA

with waterplay for younger children



SPA, SAUNA AND STEAM ROOM

GYM AND FITNESS FACILITIES

Substantially larger fitness facilities than in the existing centre



MORE CHANGE ROOMS AND BATHROOMS

including a change village that focuses on safety, privacy and inclusivity



ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

multiple electric vehicle charging stations



MORE CAR PARKING FROM 266 TO APPROXIMATELY 375 PARKS

and improved connections to public transport

A CAFÉ AREA



accessible to the indoor and outdoor parts of the centre and external Park 2 users

1500 CONSTRUCTION JOBS



will support around 1500 construction jobs across the life of the project.

RENEWABLE ENERGY



powered using 100 per cent renewable energy