

New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

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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).

Since our last project update in August 2023, a lot of work has been happening on the project.

The design team has been finalising the indoor design of the new centre, as well as the new landscaped outdoor spaces. This work has been informed by insights shared by over 1,200 users, groups and members of the local community.

In this project update you will see new artist impressions that have been created to show some of the different aquatic experiences planned. The floor plan of the new centre is also now available on the project website dit.sa.gov.au/aac.

We have been working hard to gain a more comprehensive understanding of who uses the centre and how they use it. This has helped to ensure suitable arrangements are made to best meet all users' needs at other venues from 1 August 2024 (when the current centre closes) to the Summer of 2025/26 when the new centre will open.

Thank you for your patience while we did this important work. Read on to learn more about the options available to you during the closure period.

We're excited to announce that Sarah Constructions, a local and very experienced construction contractor, has been appointed to build the new aquatic centre and the Return to Park Land Zone in Park 2.

Planning approval has been granted by the State Commission Assessment Panel. As well as this, agreement has been reached with the City of Adelaide regarding the site, including a construction licence and funding for the Return to Park Land Zone. The City of Adelaide has allocated up to \$20 million for this work that will be delivered by the State Government. This means construction of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre can now start in early November 2023.



Artist impression of new 25m pool, lagoon pool, waterslides and landscaped spaces.

Alternative venue options available during the closure period

We understand that facilities like the Adelaide Aquatic Centre are important to the mental and physical health of many people. For some, it provides a space for sports training or competition. For others, it is simply a way to stay active, improve their wellbeing and build friendships.

That's why we are taking every step possible to make sure we deliver a new world-class centre that is something we can all be proud of and enjoy for many years to come. The early closure of the current centre provides the best opportunity to minimise impacts to Park 2, open the new centre successfully and achieve the best design outcome.

After engaging with over 100 user groups to understand their specific requirements, we're pleased to confirm that all groups will have a new temporary home available during the closure period.

Most organised user groups (for example aqua-aerobics, water polo and swimming clubs) have already been informed of the alternative options available to best suit their needs.

There will also be around 3,000 Learn to Swim spaces available from July 2024 at other pools across the broader Adelaide network.

For individual aquatic centre users, we have identified over 30 different venues that will be available for use. More details about these alternative venues are now available via dit.sa.gov.au/aac. Alternatively, get in touch with the project team to find out more.

Whilst we have a good understanding of the centre's different user groups, we know that some people have unique individual needs to be accommodated.

If you have something you'd like to share with us about how you use the aquatic centre, please use the QR code to complete a short survey to tell us more about yourself.



We will then be in touch to discuss your individual requirements. This will allow us to better help you through the transition process.

The existing aquatic centre remains open and operational until 1 August 2024. Members and the community can still use the venue now, through summer and right up to the closure time.

We understand closing the existing aquatic centre early is a real inconvenience for some people. We hope that by providing this information about alternative venues now, nine months before the aquatic centre closes in August 2024, will help make the transition easier for you.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre in the Summer of 2025/2026.

Learn to Swim transition

We recognise how important swimming lessons are for children and young adults to know how to stay safe in and around water.

To ensure the next generation of swimmers can keep building their skills, we can confirm that everyone currently enrolled in the Learn to Swim program at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre can be accommodated at an alternative swim centre across Adelaide once the centre closes.

Around 3,000 Learn to Swim spaces will be available from July 2024.

To help transition Learn to Swim families to other swim centres, we are undertaking an EOI process where you can nominate your preferred alternative swimming venues.

The EOI will open in January 2024 and close at the end of February 2024. Placements will be offered in April 2024. We encourage Learn to Swim families to use the EOI process on offer to assist in transitioning to another centre.

Learn to Swim families still enrolled at the Adelaide Aquatic Centre up until the time of closure will also receive an additional sports voucher worth \$150 to help the transition to another swim centre.

To see the list of alternative venues available for the Learn to Swim program and details about the full EOI process, please visit dit.sa.gov.au/aac.

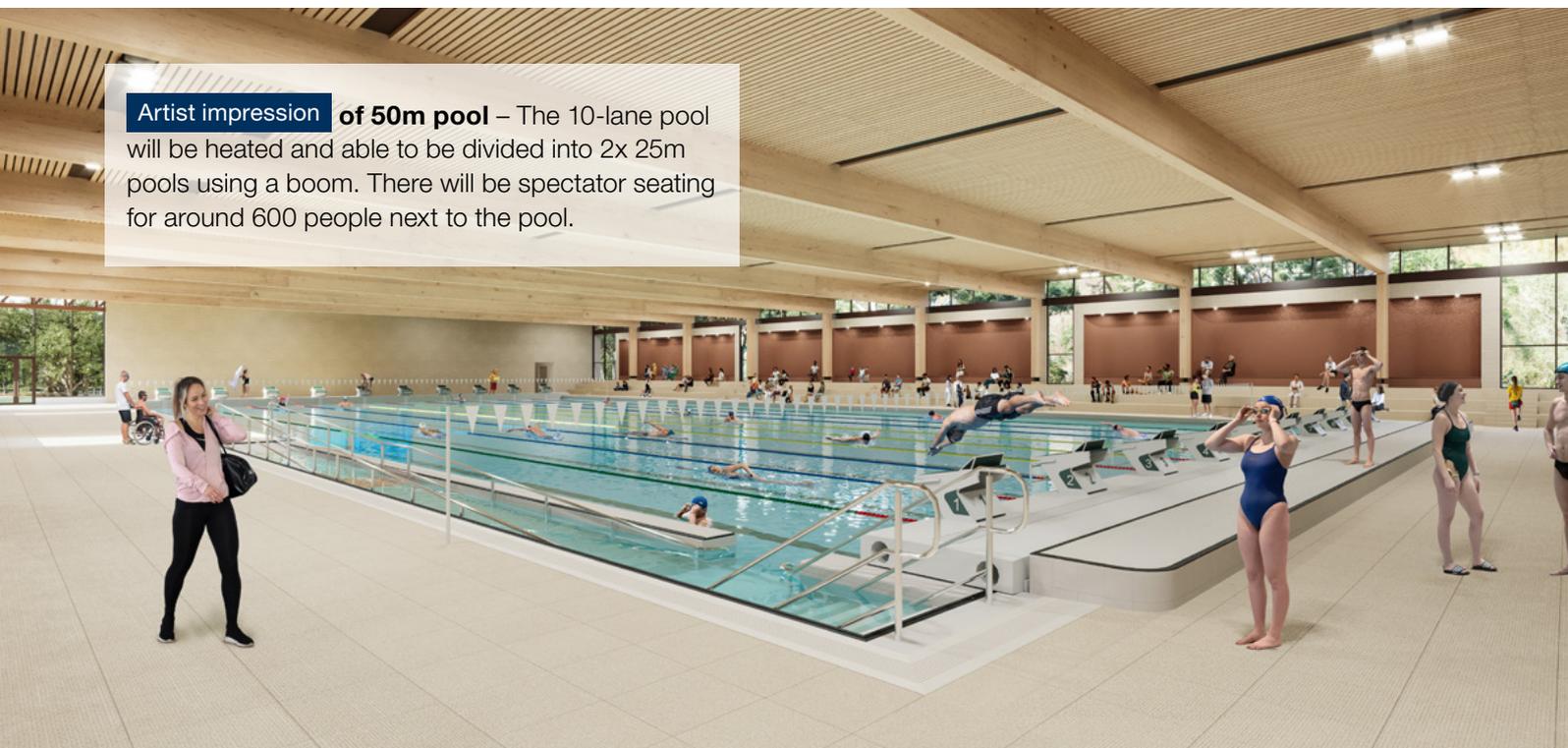
Have a question?

- A lot of information about the alternative venues is on the project website. We encourage you to take a look at dit.sa.gov.au/aac to learn more.
- We also have a dedicated hotline and email address to make it simple for you to get in touch with our team. Please call 1800 942 974 or email AACUserInfo@sa.gov.au.
- Early next year we will hold an Open Day which will be an opportunity to speak directly with alternative centre operators about their venues to help guide you through the transition process once the aquatic centre closes.

New concept images of internal spaces

We are pleased to share new concept images of some of the internal spaces. The design approach has been centred around creating high quality spaces that use warm and natural tones to reflect the local landscape. There has also been a strong focus on ensuring the spaces are welcoming for all people of all abilities, cultures and ages.

Floor plans of the new aquatic centre, as well as an artist impression of the new Learn to Swim Pool, are also now available at dit.sa.gov.au/aac.

An artist impression of a large, modern indoor swimming pool. The pool is 50m long and has 10 lanes. It is surrounded by a wide, light-colored tiled deck. People are seen swimming and walking around the pool. The ceiling is high and features a complex, geometric wooden structure. Large windows on the right side provide natural light.

Artist impression of 50m pool – The 10-lane pool will be heated and able to be divided into 2x 25m pools using a boom. There will be spectator seating for around 600 people next to the pool.

An artist impression of an indoor leisure water experience. The space is filled with children playing in a splash deck. There are various water play features, including a large waterfall, a water gun, and a water gun. The ceiling is high and features a complex, geometric wooden structure. Large windows on the right side provide natural light.

Artist impression of indoor leisure water experience – As a fun space for young families, this area will include a splash deck, toddler pool and leisure water space, with multiple water play experiences for kids to enjoy.

Green light to start construction

With the builder now selected and planning approval in place, site establishment works for the new aquatic centre will start in early November 2023.

Fencing will be installed around the construction zone to ensure the safety of the public during the construction period.

This means the oval to the south of the existing centre (including the soccer pitches) will be unavailable from early November 2023.

The existing centre and carpark will not be impacted until the centre closes on 1 August 2024.

Regular updates will be provided to the neighbouring community about works throughout the construction program via letterbox drop. Email updates will also be provided to all those who have registered to receive project updates.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this construction period.



Artist impression of centre looking south-east

Protecting the Park Lands

We understand the importance of the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre design being sensitive to the Park Lands. This is being achieved several ways:

- The design and positioning of the building has been carefully considered to respect the National Heritage Values and integrate into the Park Lands setting.
- The height of the new aquatic centre will be lower than the existing building structure. The existing roof height (at its highest point) is 19.5m. The new centre roof height will range from 6.5m to 12m. The top of the water slide tower will be 17m high.

- We are returning 1,000 sqm of Park Lands. This measurement was determined by surveying the existing building footprint, car park and associated external areas. This same methodology was applied to the plans for the new aquatic centre. Factoring in the building footprint, car park and associated external areas, the current footprint is 30,305 sqm. The footprint of the new aquatic centre will be 29,303 sqm.
- Tree and vegetation 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 construction process.

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.

Visit dit.sa.gov.au/aac to read the Vegetation Fact Sheet for more information.

Plans for the broader Park 2 area (Return to Park Land Zone)

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. This will include a new community sports oval.

Closing the existing centre early allows this new oval to also be available for school and sporting club use in the Summer of 2025/2026.

The two ovals on the eastern side of Park 2 will continue to be available for use, along with the tennis courts and fitness equipment along Prospect Road.

New walking and cycling pathways will also be created to 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.

For more information or to register for project updates

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