

New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

Proposed concept design released for new landmark health and aquatic wellness centre, closure of existing centre 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).

Since the last project update in March 2023, a lot of work has been underway to progress plans for the new centre.

Listening to what is important to centre users, sporting groups and the local community

In late 2022 we heard from over 1200 people who shared their views on what people wanted the new centre to include.

You told us you wanted a world class, sustainable and accessible aquatic centre that delivers a range of amenities not currently available to users of the existing centre.

To deliver on what you told us was important, \$135 million has now been allocated for the project. This will allow a new landmark health and aquatic wellness centre to be delivered, providing exceptional facilities for all to enjoy.

New building concept design

Artist impressions of the proposed concept design are now available to show what the building is planned to look like.

More facilities now planned

Exciting facilities will include:

- 50m indoor pool (10 lane) for swimming carnivals, water sports and recreational use
- Diving amenities
- 25m outdoor pool (6 lane) with lagoon
- Warm water pool for rehabilitation programs
- Separate learn to swim pool
- Indoor leisure water with splash zones and waterslides
- Spa, sauna and steam room
- Outdoor splashpad with waterplay
- Outdoor aquatic zone with BBQs and lawned areas, Café available for both centre visitors and other Park 2 users
- Gym and fitness facilities
- Inclusive amenities and change rooms
- Improved car parking with access from Jeffcott Road
- Improved public transport, pedestrian and cycle pathways connecting the centre with existing networks

Artist's impression looking south-west



The sustainably designed centre will be built on a smaller footprint than the existing facility, allowing 1000 square metres of additional land to be returned to Park Lands, going beyond the original commitment of no net loss of Park Lands.

It will also be setback 70 metres from Barton Terrace West, an extra 30 metres than during early planning, providing the best masterplanned solution, enhancing its connectivity with the Park Lands while improving the amenity for residents.

Protecting the Park Lands

We understand the importance of the new centre design being sensitive to the Park Lands.

The updated positioning of the centre better aligns with National Heritage principles, creating a clearer delineation between the city and Park Lands and allowing the structure to be embedded within the natural landscape.

The significant and regulated trees along Barton Terrace West and Jeffcott Road will be retained however, some vegetation removal will be required to accommodate the works.

This impact will be minimised wherever possible. For example, new and replacement trees will be pre-ordered and grown off-site so that trees will already be semi-mature when planted.

Closure of the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre now planned for August 2024

To minimise impacts on the Park Lands, provide the shortest possible construction timeframe and minimise disruption to users when the new facility opens, the existing Aquatic Centre will now close in August 2024 until the project's completion in late 2025.

Through this design process it has been identified that an early closure of the existing centre will deliver a range of important benefits, allowing us to:



return 1000 sqm more Park Land in Park 2 than there is today and make optimal use of the space, integrating the new centre seamlessly into the Park Lands environment.



create the shortest possible construction timeframe - reducing the duration of impact and disruption in Park 2 for users and the local community by up to 12 months.



in collaboration with the City of Adelaide, deliver new recreation spaces in the north-west section of Park 2 six months earlier for school and sporting club use.



ensure the new facility won't be impacted by demolition and construction works after opening.

We appreciate this will be an inconvenience for users of the current centre but the early closure provides the best opportunity to minimise impacts to Park 2, open the new centre successfully and achieve the best design outcome.

What does this mean for me as a user of the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre?

Most existing Aquatic Centre users, including learn-to-swim programs, will be accommodated across other facilities during the closure period, with a range of alternative options to be made available for existing users before the new centre opens.

The Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing (ORSR) will work with pool users and operators to identify the most suitable alternative options during the closure period to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible, with additional Sports Vouchers to be made available to all Learn to Swim program participants at the existing Aquatic Centre, to ease the cost on families during the construction period.

We have set up a dedicated hotline and email address for any questions about this closure. You can reach us on 1800 942 974 or via email AACUserInfo@sa.gov.au

What's next?

In the coming weeks a development application will be lodged with the State Commission Assessment Panel that includes design details, architectural and landscape drawings, and a series of technical reports (e.g. traffic, sustainability, stormwater management, flora and fauna, heritage, acoustics etc).

You will have the opportunity to have your say on the development application, with public consultation likely to occur in Q3 2023. More information will be shared via the PlanSA Portal: (plan.sa.gov.au).

Construction is scheduled to commence in late 2023.

We look forward to welcoming back everyone to the new Adelaide Aquatic Centre in late 2025.

Want to learn more?

There are many ways you can learn more about the project.

Drop-in community information sessions

We invite you to attend one of the community information sessions to meet with the project team.

Where:

Eliza Hall,
City of Prospect Civic Centre,
128 Prospect Road, Prospect

When:

Thursday, 22 June –
drop in anytime between
4.30pm and 6.30pm

Saturday, 24 June –
drop in anytime between
1pm and 4pm

Please scan the
QR code to register
your attendance.



Pop-up in the foyer of the existing Adelaide Aquatic Centre

View the artist impressions at our foyer pop-up. People will also be available at the pop-up throughout the next few weeks to answer your questions. Visit dit.sa.gov.au/aac to see when project team members will be there.

Website

Visit dit.sa.gov.au/aac to see more artist impressions and read more project information.

Contact us

For general project enquiries:
call us on 1300 794 880
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Need information in a different language?

Translations are available in Vietnamese, Pushto, Persian, Hazaragi and Mandarin. If you or someone you know needs these materials translated in a different language, please contact the project team using the details above.