

Background Circular Head Council Pool Proposal

1. Stage 1 of the project includes indoor heated 25m pool and associated change-rooms and training spaces for a facility to be co-located at the Indoor Sports Stadium at 110 Nelson St, Smithton. The professional quantity surveying cost estimate is \$8.5M for stage 1, and was prepared considering the costs of similar public pool projects in Tasmania. Detailed designs are yet to be prepared.
2. Stage 2 includes a separate program pool and aquatic play space and is estimated at a further \$3 - 4M depending on the size. A program pool would best provide learn to swim for all ages and an aquatic play space would be suitable for the youngest children.
3. Council is committed to the project and now has the Federal Government commitment of \$3.8M to the project from the national stronger regions fund. This means at least stage 1 will go ahead.
4. Construction cannot start until the funding agreement and conditions are signed with the Federal Government.
5. The \$8.5M cost estimate for Stage 1 includes an amount for contingency. Council is prepared to contribute up to \$4.7M to the total project which includes this contingency. Council is hopeful savings can be found when final design and tender for construction is decided upon.
6. Council is continuing to ask the State Government to contribute \$3.5M (a similar amount to the Federal Government). A State Government commitment in the 2017/18 state budget would allow stages 1 & 2 to be built as one project at the lowest possible cost.
7. A State Government commitment of \$3.5M would mean each level of government is contributing equally to the project, with the responsibility to cover contingencies meaning the Council contribution could be up to \$4.7M.
8. The best opportunity to achieve the full facility is to do it all at same time. This is also the most cost effective avoiding the extra cost and disruption associated with building in two stages.

What is happening now and in the next 12 months?

1. Council continues to lobby State Government over funding for stage 2
2. Funding deed will be entered into with the Federal Government for the National Stronger Regions Fund.
3. We will seek interest from potential operators of a new facility, so decisions can be made to ensure the design and the final facility are most cost efficient for the community.
4. Design – Council will need to consider whether the design is being prepared for just stage 1, or for stage 1 & 2. Through continued discussion with the State Government this may become clearer over coming months.
5. Community fundraising: Community members of the Swimming Pool Reference Group are seeking interest in community groups/individuals to partner in community fundraising effort. Council is supportive of the fundraising efforts and have made available an online tax deductible facility and pledge system for individuals wanting to make donations which is accessible below. Council has agreed that any funds raised will be to enhance the facility and not to replace a Council financial commitment.
6. Continued progress updates will be provided over the next 12 months.

The final design of the facility is subject to ongoing deliberations.

Please find attached FAQ Fact Sheet for more information, this is also available at Council or by phoning 6452 4800.

[Circular Head Pool Proposal FAQ Fact Sheet !\[\]\(529949c2c3dadbaa4e538e8c643454bc_img.jpg\) \(263 kb\)](#)

[Council Moving Forward with new Pool Media Release 05 February 2016](#)

The following update has also been made available following the outcome of the Federal Election.

[Circular Head Pool Process Update July 2016 !\[\]\(0f848bbd71cef6b345273b16f905912a_img.jpg\) \(199 kb\)](#)