

## **LAMEROO PUBLIC POOL UPGRADE UPDATE**

The Lamerook Public Pool will undergo a \$1.8million rejuvenation to secure the future of the popular recreation facility for generations to come.

The significant project will be co-funded through a \$850,000 grant from the SA Government's Local Government Infrastructure Partnership Program, and a further \$950,000 from Southern Mallee District Council. The State Government grant funding was a competitive grant round for shovel ready local government projects aimed at stimulating the economy in response to COVID-19.

The pool has served the Southern Mallee community for over 50 years, but a recent condition report found the facility is nearing the end of its useful life. Compliance issues also resulted in the closure of the toddler pool during 2020.

This project will see significant works to the toddler pool, the main pool, drainage and plumbing of the pools, upgrade of the pool deck and a new chemical storage and plant room. Overall the works will address all identified issues in the detailed condition assessment, including:

- Localised structural distress in both pool shells
- Broken and sharp tiles in both pools
- Severely deteriorated grout in both pools
- Control and tile movement joints in both pools reaching the end of design life and in instances being completely deteriorated
- Cracked pool concourse and prominent gap between the pool walls and concourse
- Non-compliant water turnover rates in both pools
- Lack of safety signage
- Algae growth in both pools due to poor water turnover rates
- Poor disability access
- The need for greatly improved chemical use and storage, and
- Extensive drainage, plumbing and filtration requirements to separate the pools.

The works will ensure long-term sustainability of the pools and ongoing compliance with current standards and regulations for public pools.

Work on the project is expected to begin in August or September and – due to the extent of work required – run for approximately 8 months through until April or May 2022. Council is closing the pool as a last resort but due to the length and complexity of this project a closure is necessary.

Council will work with the local swim club and swim school to manage the impacts of the closure.

Southern Mallee District Council Mayor Jeff Nickolls said the facility was a popular attraction for local families, and the upgrade project would secure its future.

"This is a significant upgrade that will substantially improve the operation and longevity of the Lamerook pool," Mayor Nickolls says.

"While it's disappointing the works won't be complete in time for the upcoming swimming season, we will work with the pool's user groups and ensure the need for the project is well understood and we can assist with some of the essential club activities in an alternative location.

"These works will deliver a pool that will continue to be a drawcard for families, swimmers of all ages and visitors to our town, as well as a meeting place and valuable recreation space for our community.



“We are grateful to the State Government for this grant funding, which will go a significant way towards supporting this important project.”

Council at its meeting on 19 May 2021 awarded the contract for aquatic design services and civil structural design services for the Lameroo Pool to Crackerjack Consulting. Once the design works are finalised the pool renewal works will be tendered publically.

Southern Mallee district residents will still have access to swimming facilities this summer, with the Pinnaroo pool currently undergoing upgrading work, which is scheduled to be finished in time for the upcoming swimming season. Council also provides support to the community operated swimming pool at Geranium.

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