

GRAC and Traralgon Sports Stadium Sneak Peek!



Latrobe City Council is excited to share a sneak peek at plans for the \$46 million Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre (GRAC) and \$17 million Traralgon Sports Stadium (TSS) in our second Major Recreation Projects newsletter.

Council has released architect's concept plans and renders for both facilities, developed in close collaboration with the community and Project Reference Groups (PRGs), ahead of design and construct tenders opening this week.

Latrobe City Council's Mayor, Councillor Darrell White OAM, said Council was thrilled to announce the start of tender periods for GRAC and TSS, which formally opened on Monday 16 July.

"Our community is eager to see progress on these key community assets of infrastructure and this comes as a major milestone in the process," Cr White said.



Above: Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre and Traralgon Sports Stadium exterior concept designs.

"A number of excellent candidates have already been shortlisted for both projects, including local companies, with a successful candidate to be appointed by October."

"I thank everyone from the Project Reference Group and those who participated in the consultation to help us get this early planning phase right - I trust that you can see your ideas and influence on the concept plans that are now available for the community to view."

The State Government funded projects will use 90 per cent local content as designated Victorian Industry Participation Policy initiatives.

Council is making sure Gippslanders have the best opportunity to work on them by presenting at a number of Industry Capability Network workshops across the region in June.

Packed-out information sessions in Drouin, Morwell and Sale briefed local contractors on the upcoming infrastructure initiatives and offered advice on bidding for work on these, and other government projects.

The GRAC and TSS developments are funded by the \$85 million Latrobe Valley Sports and Community Initiative, administered by the Latrobe Valley Authority.

Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre (\$46 million)

An eight lane 50 metre indoor pool complete with 500 seats for spectators is the highlight feature of the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, as per concept plans produced by architect Peddle Thorp.

Current designs also include an indoor water play zone, warm water pool, designated learn to swim pool (LTS), spa and sauna areas, a wellness centre, café and retail precinct, and wet and dry change facilities.

Cr White said the proposed centre rivalled the leading facilities in Victoria based on extensive market and field research.

“We have visited top aquatic centres across the state with our PRG to help inform a design which would stand tall as one of the premier centres in the state,” he said.

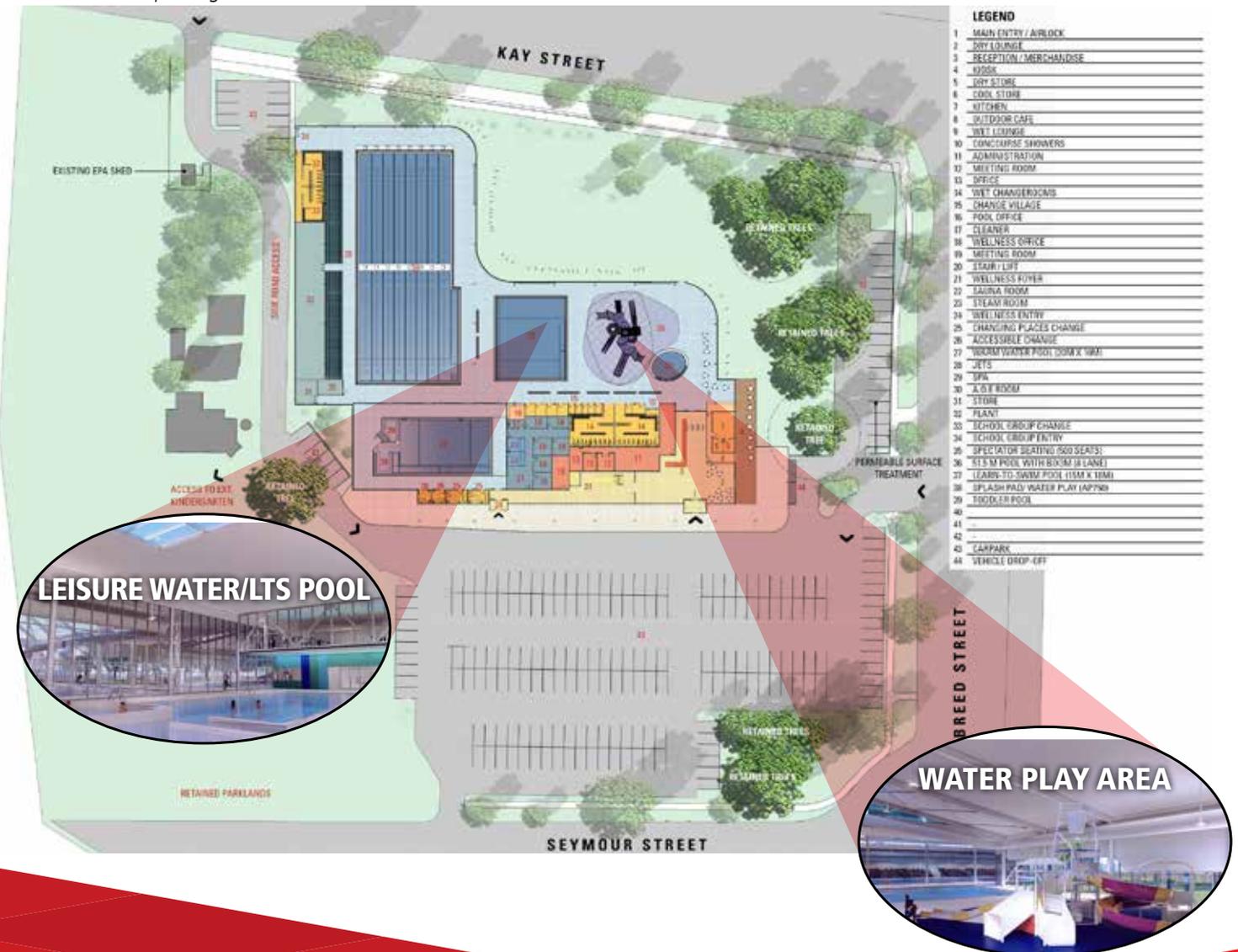
“As a Council we are committed to providing the best aquatic centre in regional Victoria for our community, and these concepts are truly world class.”

Four experienced companies - ADCO Constructions, Cockram Construction Ltd, J Hutchinson Pty Ltd and Ireland Brown Constructions - have been shortlisted to take part in a tender process from 16 July for the design and construct work.

The Industry Capability Network (ICN) and Gippsland GROW have been engaged to assist in maximising local content on the project.

A contractor will be appointed by October with the 18 month build to begin in 2019.

Below: Concept designs for the GRAC.



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Artist's impressions of the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre.



Traralgon Sports Stadium



Above: Concept designs for Traralgon Indoor Sports Stadium.

A four-court extension to the existing Traralgon Sports Stadium featuring a new show court, with capacity for 3000 seat spectator seating and associated amenities is the cornerstone of concept plans for the Catterick Crescent site.

The \$17 million upgrade would bring the centre to a total of eight courts, adding on to the current four-court facility, increasing its capacity for local use and potential for attracting major events. The project is expected to be completed by mid 2020.

A new cricket pavilion will also be developed - to accommodate the footprint of the expansion –

positioning it to utilise the existing oval and the adjacent school facility for junior activities.

Four companies, Becon Constructions, BFN Developments, J Hutchinson Pty Ltd and Ireland Brown Constructions, have been short listed for a closed design and construct tender process launched on 16 July.



Above: Artist's impressions of the Morwell Recreation Reserve pavilion and works underway at the site



Morwell Recreation Reserve (\$9 million)

Construction is underway on a new shared cricket and netball pavilion at Morwell Recreation Reserve.

Traralgon based contractor Langden Constructions is carrying out the project with completion expected later this year.

This follows a successful redevelopment of the netball courts and car parking area with lights now active for training and night play completed by local Morwell contractor, HCM Constructions.

The first games were played on the new surface on 28 April.

The remaining priorities for the \$9 million reserve upgrade include a new synthetic training oval, Keegan Street oval upgrade, upgrades to lighting for the main oval, football change rooms and an AFL Gippsland office redevelopment.

The design for the synthetic training oval to be built on the old caravan park site is well underway.



Ted Summerton Reserve (\$3 million)

Planning is progressing for the \$3 million Cricket Centre of Excellence at Ted Summerton Reserve.

Early concept plans are being considered by the Project Reference Group, which held its first meeting in May.

The Regional Centre of Excellence will provide opportunities for our budding players to develop their skills on both indoor and outdoor training wickets.



Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium (\$1.7 million)

Meetings have been held with governing soccer bodies around the design and usage of the \$1.7 million upgrade to the Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium.

It is proposed the new synthetic pitch will be the initial piece in a longer term overhaul of the important venue, which will become the centre for soccer in the region supporting young Gippslanders to pursue their sporting dreams.

Work on the masterplan is progressing and will be completed in the coming weeks.