

Aqua Jetty Stage Two

Summary

The Aqua Jetty was built in 2003 and plays a significant role in supporting the health and wellbeing of the Rockingham community. The facility is the only indoor aquatic centre in the City of Rockingham and provides a range of health and wellbeing programs and services to the community.

Redevelopment of the Aqua Jetty is required to improve disability access and support current and future community demand of over 6,000 members who access the facility annually.

Issue

The needs and feasibility study completed in 2018 identified that the Aqua Jetty no longer meets contemporary community expectations, is at capacity and cannot meet current or future demand for group fitness, swim school and gym programs. The City completed detailed designs for Stage Two in 2023 and called for tenders for construction. At the 12 December 2023 Special Meeting of Council, it was resolved to decline all tenders for construction of Aqua Jetty Stage Two as all tenders exceeded the budget allocated.



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Opportunity

There is an opportunity to redevelop the Aqua Jetty to provide a contemporary leisure facility which enables access for people of all ages and abilities and can meet community demand.

This involves providing additional spaces for water based activities including learn to swim and hydrotherapy as well as a substantial increase in size of the gymnasium, group fitness room and modernisation of the crèche.

An increase in activity space will be supported by amenities such as a hoist to the hydrotherapy pool, adult change facilities, family change rooms and improved entry points to water spaces.

Request

The City has allocated a total budget of \$33.4 million for the completion of Aqua Jetty Stage Two. As a result of changes within the construction market, significant project cost increases have occurred and the estimated cost for Aqua Jetty Stage Two is in excess of \$50 million. In order for the project to be delivered additional funding is required.

The City is seeking funding support of \$20 million towards the construction of Aqua Jetty Stage Two.

Subject to funding, the City is positioned to commence the procurement process.

Benefit

As the City's primary leisure centre, redevelopment of the Aqua Jetty will:



Provide increased opportunities for all members of our community, including people with disability, to access the services, programs and events offered at the centre.



Enable more children, young people and adults to enrol in learn to swim classes.



Enable more people to participate in group fitness and other leisure programs.



Provide increased opportunities for parents to participate in health and wellbeing activities, as a result of the modernisation of the crèche.



Create local jobs.

Baldivis and Districts Men's Shed

Summary

With a rapidly growing population, the need for recreation and leisure facilities that support the community's health and wellbeing is increasing.

The development of a 'men's shed', a facility for manual arts such as wood work, in Baldivis would address an identified gap in the provision of informal recreation facilities in this area.

Issue

A needs assessment and feasibility study completed in 2022 confirmed there is a need for a 'men's shed' in Baldivis. A 'men's shed' provides opportunities for activities such as manual arts including woodworking, which are not traditionally accommodated in multipurpose community facilities. These types of facilities foster social connection across a wide cross section of the community, in particular men, and provide opportunities to improve health and wellbeing.

The City is serviced by one similar facility in Rockingham, which is at capacity. Through a community led initiative, a Baldivis and Districts Men's Shed group has been established to meet the need of the Baldivis community and currently operates from a facility located on private land. This inhibits their ability to grow, access funding and suitably service their members.

Funding of \$1 million was secured as part of a prior State Government election commitment. Initial cost estimates for the facility are \$2.5 million.



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Opportunity

With additional support from the State and Federal Governments, there is an opportunity to relocate the men's shed from private land to Crown land within Baldivis and construct a purpose built facility. A previous election commitment of \$1 million has enabled the project to progress to site selection and concept development, however the opportunity exists to progress to construction pending the availability of funding.

Request

The project is estimated at \$2.5 million. The City does not currently have the capacity to fund the anticipated shortfall of \$1.5 million and progress this project through to construction.

The City is requesting up to \$1.5 million to implement the project. Subject to funding support, the City is positioned to commence detailed design in 2025/2026.

Benefit

The provision of a men's shed on Crown land within Baldivis will:



Provide opportunities for social connection to enhance mental health, particularly amongst our senior population.



Increase the membership base of the Baldivis and Districts Men's Shed.



Create new formal and informal activity spaces within the Baldivis area.



Create local jobs.

Safety Bay Community Facility Redevelopment

Summary

The Safety Bay and Shoalwater Foreshore is a popular community asset that caters for a range of activities, from admiring the vista across the Shoalwater Islands Marine Park, to participating in a range of water sports including kite boarding and wind surfing. The community-led Safety Bay Shoalwater Foreshore Master Plan (2019) provides long term vision by protecting the best assets of the foreshore and creating opportunity in other locations.

The City has identified that the existing Safety Bay Yacht Club building is at the end of life and due for renewal. A new community facility will be developed in this location to take full advantage of recreation, tourism and community opportunities. The new facility will provide enhanced spaces and opportunities for the local community to partake in a range of activities.

Issue

Master planning completed in 2019 identified that due to age and functionality, the existing Safety Bay Yacht Club needs to be replaced with a contemporary multipurpose community and commercial facility. The new facility will need to cater for the City's growth, in order to best meet current and future community needs and adapt to the changing coastal environment.



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Opportunity

The opportunity exists to develop a new facility which:

- benefits the current and future community
- provides a community facility which is a focal point of the region, providing for a range of community, recreation and tourism opportunities
- provides increased car parking and improved access to the facility along this section of the foreshore.

Request

The estimated cost to implement the Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility is \$11 million. The City is seeking funding support of \$5 million to assist with the implementation of this project.

The City is positioned to commence detailed design in 2024/2025 and construction in 2026/2027.

Benefit

Development of the Safety Bay Foreshore Community Facility will:



Provide a new contemporary multipurpose community facility to meet current and future community needs.



Encourage new and expand on existing community, recreation and tourism opportunities.



Improve functionality and access to the foreshore and facilities creating community connection opportunities.



Create local jobs and employment opportunities.

Redevelopment of Warnbro Community Recreation Centre

Summary

Built in 1979, Warnbro Community Recreation Centre plays a significant role in supporting the Rockingham community's health and wellbeing. This facility serves a large number of the City's population and provides facilities for both sporting and community activities including cricket, football, badminton, basketball, playgroup, group fitness and more.

Issue

Master planning conducted in 2023, identified that the Warnbro Community Recreation Centre is ageing and in poor condition. Redevelopment is required to improve the overall condition and functionality of the facility, improve disability access, provide amenities for female participants and service over 2,000 members that use the facility each year.



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Opportunity

Redevelopment of the Warnbro Community Recreation Centre is part of a City-wide equity approach to ensure facilities in established areas of the City are upgraded to meet continuing demand. This involves providing for female participation, disability access, as well as supporting informal recreation opportunities through the provision of contemporary, family friendly community spaces.

Request

Indicative cost to implement the master plan is \$6.4 million. Subject to funding the City is positioned to commence detailed design in 2025/2026 and commence construction in 2026/2027.

The City is seeking funding support of \$4.8 million to expedite the project.

Benefit

Redevelopment of Warnbro Community Recreation Centre will provide increased program and service opportunities for people of all ages and abilities.

The project will provide a number of local short and long term employment opportunities throughout the construction and operating phases. It will:



Improve membership and revenue opportunities for local clubs.



Accommodate a growing population and membership base.



Increase opportunities for improved health and wellbeing activities for the community.



Create local jobs.