CM9.1. Notice of Motion - Aquatic Facilities

Cr Cameron moved,

That Council:

a. Resolves that all planning for Aquatic facilities at the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre be suspended until 2030;

b. Further resolves that, apart from necessary maintenance at the Albury Swim Centre, all Aquatic upgrades will be at the Lavington Swim Centre until 2030; and

c. Subject to the community consultation when finished, Council receives a report on the viability of the following features in the redevelopment of the Lavington Swim Centre:
   i. A 10-lane, 52m heated outdoor pool with ramp entry and:
      a. grandstand pool-side seating.
      b. boom to be installed to allow for multipurpose usage will allow competition and lap swimming, school swimming carnivals, and local water polo training and competition.
      c. a 12-month operational outdoor heated pool and scope to enclose such a pool.
   ii. A dedicated heated outdoor deep water 2m depth utility pool 30m x 30m (Size) this will cater for a mixture of programs form fitness programs, Lifesaving, Water Polo & Swimming. 12 months operation outdoor heated pool.
   iii. A dedicated heated outdoor Program pool to cater for Learn to Swim & other aquatic activates.
   iv. A dedicated all-abilities water play zone suitable for babies and children with zero entry points with capacity to be Seasonally heated.
   v. A separate club office room / mixed usages for all user groups.
   vi. A café with casual seating that will serve indoor and outdoor spaces.
   vii. Separate modern, family-friendly change rooms and amenities for outdoor activities and dedicated disabled change rooms.
   viii. Open park-like outdoor space, BBQ for families to meet, gather and relax.
   ix. Office / administration areas.
   x. Provision of shade & storage areas.
   xi. A best practice Plant room area design.
   xii. Pool hoist to facilitate access for people who require it.
   xiii. If practical, the Main pool (Heated pool) to be designed with a movable bulkhead to allow greater operational usage.
   xiv. If practical, the redevelopment to include is a designated Water Polo pool.

d. The redevelopment of the Lavington facility to be designed to allow staged development as Council's budget allows.

CEO Note:

At its meeting of 23 October 2023 Council resolved that Council:

a. *receive and note the LJSC Stage 2 Feasibility and Business Case prepared by @Leisure Planners.*
b. *share the report with stakeholder organisations.*
c. *continue discussions with PCYC regarding their involvement (potential contribution and expectations).*
d. *use the preferred concept plan Option 4 for LJSC Stage 2 as the basis of a masterplan for future development of the LJSC precinct and seek community and stakeholder input.*
e. *incorporate funding of $1.5 million for preliminary design and costing of Option 4 at LJSC Stage 2 in developing the draft 2024/2028 Four Year Delivery Plan to validate costs and support advocacy efforts.*
f. *activate planning for Option 4 at LJSC Stage 2 Advocacy Strategy development and funding attraction.*
g. *proceed with the replacement of Lavington Swim Centre, excluding diving infrastructure, to current and best practice standards as per the adopted Four Year Delivery Plan with consideration for waterplay and learn to swim opportunities, to complement and not compete with the proposed Regional Aquatic Facility at Lauren Jackson Sports Centre.*
h. *the future replacement of Albury Swim Centre be considered when the Aquatics Strategy is reviewed, post completion of the Thurgoona Wirlinga Structure Plan and Social Infrastructure Strategy.*

Subsequent to this resolution, the following has been progressed or undertaken:

Lauren Jackson Sports Centre (LJSC)

The feasibility report was shared with stakeholder organisations.

Discussions with PCYC are ongoing and a Statement of Intent to replace the existing Memorandum of Understanding is in development.

The Masterplan for Stage 2 was publicly exhibited and endorsed by Council on the 22 July 2024, and is available on Council's website. At that meeting Council resolved that Council:

a. *Receive and note the submissions received during the public exhibition of the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre & Aquatic Facility Stage 2 Master Plan;*
b. *Adopt the Lauren Jackson Sports Centre & Aquatic Facility Stage 2 Master Plan; and*
c. *Endorse progression of preliminary design in accordance with the adopted 2024-2028 Four-Year Delivery Plan and previously endorsed Stakeholder Engagement Plan*.

The 2024- 2028 Four Year Delivery Program adopted by Council included $1.5 million for Preliminary Design and costing of Option 4 at LJSC Stage 2. AlburyCity have not finalised tender documentation for this work, which was anticipated to go to market in February 2025. As such the scope could be modified to exclude the aquatics elements and focus on the multisport elements if desired by Council. If preliminary design for aquatics facilities at LJSC is not undertaken this will impact our ability to advocate for any future funding for aquatics at LJSC given cost estimates have not been validated and the project will not be considered shovel ready e.g. Development Consent achieved, which is often a requirement of both the State and Federal government when submitting funding proposals for major projects.

Lavington Swim Centre

Following a thorough procurement process, Council appointed Canvas Projects to undertake preliminary design, planning approvals and detailed design to progress the replacement of the Lavington Swim Centre. The 2024-2028 Four-Year Delivery Plan has $14.3 million allocated to undertake investigations, planning, approvals and construction for the replacement facility.

AlburyCity, together with the consultants, commenced public consultation and stakeholder engagement during October 2024. The consultation includes seeking feedback from the community and key stakeholders on the potential infrastructure and services to be considered for the redevelopment. It is anticipated that a report will be presented to Council in March 2025 outlining the outcomes of the public consultation, concept design options, and recommending public exhibition of the preferred option that aligns with project scope and budget determined by Council.

Should the Notice of Motion be resolved by Council, project planning timelines may need to be extended to accommodate consideration of the additional elements/features referenced, although this is yet to be confirmed. The current project timeline anticipates tender documentation for construction being completed by September 2025, noting additional time may be required to secure development consent as the application will be determined by the Southern Regional Planning Panel.

Consideration for staging of capital elements for the Lavington Swim Centre redevelopment can be reflected in the design, to enable their progression when budget permits.

Albury Swim Centre

The 2024-2028 Four Year Delivery program includes $50,000 in 2024/25 and $900,000 in 2025/26 for Facilities Upgrades being a range of compliance works recommended for completion within 10 years, as outlined in the 2017 Aquatic Strategy. The nature of works required is still being assessed based on asset condition and may include, but not be limited to, replacement of pool wet deck tiling and grating, waterslide maintenance etc.

In April 2024, AlburyCity applied to the Australian Government, Community Energy Upgrades Fund Program, for the Albury Swim Centre Electrification Upgrade Project. The application sought $1.4M to replace the existing gas boilers with efficient heat pumps. The outcome of this funding application is not yet known. The condition of the boilers is of some concern and there may be a need for replacement within the next 5 years, otherwise a recent condition report from Creo Consulting indicated generally that the facility can be successfully operated for a minimum of 15 years.