



Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Preferred Concept Design Chosen

The Shire of Dumbleyung has chosen a preferred concept design for a new Dumbleyung Swimming Pool (pics attached).

The new design was selected by a Project Working Group consisting of selected community members and Shire Councillors.

The working group was ably supported by both Shire staff and professional architectural and engineering consulting advisors (both with significant experience in new pool design and builds). This advice showed the current main pool and plant room equipment is no longer salvageable.

The preferred design looks to replace what is no longer usable (particularly with a replacement main pool and toddlers pool) in a modernised plan and meeting current standards required.

The realities of building anything in the current economic environment has also struck home with the expected cost of full pool development coming in at \$8.5M (stages 1&2).

The Shire has undertaken financial modelling to determine options to fund the swimming pool development (details attached). Unfortunately current external funding options are limited.

Instead, the Shire will look to stage the development utilising existing Federal Government (circa \$1.2M) LRCI grant funds which must be acquitted (spent in two separate tranches) by 30th June 2023 & 30th June 2024 respectively.

Using these funds, stage 1 will be earmarked towards the building of a new kiosk, pool plant room, toilets and changeroom facilities on the north side of the pool in line with the concept design. Unfortunately stage 1 funding does not cover filtration, pumps and balance tank.

It is anticipated that this new building structure can be utilised as a Community Gym (with equipment) in the interim until the pool is able to be built.

This will enable another important community health and fitness facility to be created until an affordable financial solution can be identified to fund future stages of pool development.

The Shire will now seek full design drawings and related project information, including costs, for the Stage 1 development. This information will be important to confirm whether the Shire has adequate funding to go to tender for these works.

The current situation also confirms that the Shire may be without a new pool Swimming Pool for potentially quite some time.

The Shire remains hopeful that the Federal Government might reintroduce a new regional grant scheme to replace the previous successful Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF). This could then be targeted to leverage the State Government Community Sporting & Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), noting that this program has only \$12.5M available per round across the entire State (including metropolitan Perth).

The Shire of Dumbleyung is seeking community feedback on the concept design work produced to date, including proposed next steps. Please send through your email feedback to the Shire by no later than Tuesday 13th December 2022 to enquiries@dumbleyung.wa.gov.au

An uncosted pool masterplan concept design has also been developed for future use, if the Shire is successful in securing additional grant funding, following pool development (masterplan design can be found on the Shire website).