POOL REDEVELOPMENT

WHY IS THE CURRENT POOL COMPLEX BEING REPLACED?

The current pool in Mount Morgan is being replaced because it has reached its end of life. It cannot be upgraded to provide what is required for an efficient, safe and inclusive contemporary Aquatic Centre that meets the needs of the community.

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT ISSUES CAUSING THE POOL TO BE REPLACED?

The issues the pool currently faces include:

- Water loss
- Failing filtration and sanitation resulting in non-compliant contemporary water quality standards
- Non-compliant buildings (plant and structures)
- Structural cracking in the pool shell and failing tiles.

WHY CAN'T THE CURRENT POOL JUST BE FIXED?

Unfortunately, the pool cannot be easily fixed due to the extensive upgrades required to get it back to a serviceable condition that is compliant with current standards.

WHY CAN'T THE GRANDSTANDS STAY?

The existing grandstands don't meet current building standards. The eastern one needs to be removed to accommodate the 8-lane pool width. The timber from the eastern grandstand can be used to repair the western as part of its upgrade to meet health and safety requirements. Alternatively, both existing grandstands can be replaced with a new grandstand. To have your say on the grandstands fill out the hard copy survey or head online to:

https://engage.rockhamptonregion.qld.gov.au/mount-morgan-pool-redevelopment

WHY CAN'T THE POOL REMAIN THE SAME SIZE AS IT IS NOW?

The current pool does not meet current competition pool criteria of 25 metres in length and 8 lanes, which is a contemporary standard length for public pools. Having a competition length pool in the community will mean that local students and athletes will have access to the same standard of facility for training that their competition do, giving local kids more opportunity.



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WHAT WILL THE NEW POOL HAVE THAT THE OLD ONE DIDN'T?

The redevelopment of the Mount Morgan pool will include:

- Construction of a new 25 metre 8 lane tiled pool with concrete surrounds, entry ladders, starting blocks, and all accessibility ramp
- Upgrades to power, sewerage and water
- · New plant shed
- Installation of filtration and sanitation plant equipment including water harvesting to collect and recycle rainwater from the roof to top up the pool
- New shade structures (half pool)
- Splash pad/wet play and shade structures
- New change rooms, amenities and entry kiosk
- Installation of portable grandstands
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Car park resurfacing

ARE THE CONCEPT DESIGNS FINAL OR CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

The designs are concept designs only, which means they are preliminary designs of what the site may look like. We're seeking your feedback before the final designs are determined and construction commences. We cannot seek feedback on every element of the design as we have regulatory and grant funding requirements that we need to abide by to ensure we secure the funding to pay for the pool.

HOW LONG WILL THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW POOL TAKE?

It is estimated that the works will take approximately one year to complete during which the pool will continue to remain closed to the community.

WHO IS PAYING FOR THE POOL?

The pool will be paid for using grant money from the Resources Community Infrastructure Fund (State Government funding). Council will also be contributing to the cost of the pool.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Council will collate community feedback to inform the final design and then call for tenders for design and construction late this year or early next year. Once this happens, a builder will be awarded the job and will complete the detailed design and construction works.

