

We're Making a Splash!

Bayside Council is committed to upgrading the Botany Aquatic Centre which first opened in 1966. We will future-proof the much loved Centre for generations to come.

We asked for feedback on the Centre and received hundreds of informed and passionate responses. We have listened to the community and incorporated their views into our project plans.

COMMUNITY

Who we spoke to...



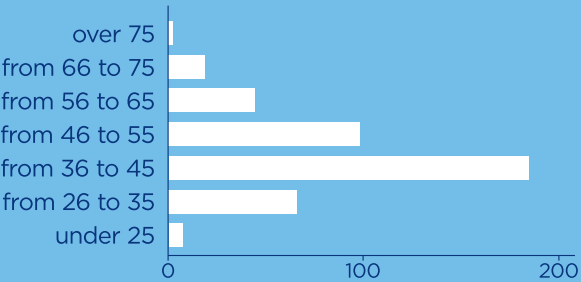
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visits to the 'Have Your Say' project information page

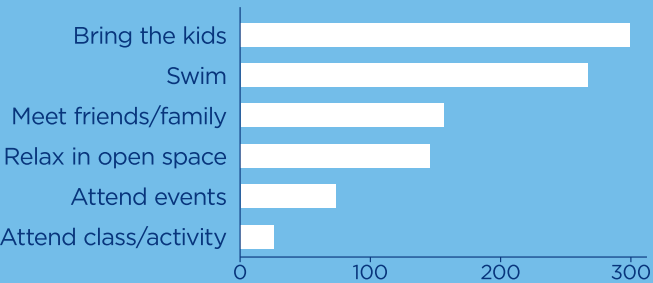
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contributed to the Botany Aquatic Centre survey

Age of people surveyed



Why do you visit the Centre?



How often do you visit the Centre?



40.3%

visit the Botany Aquatic Centre 1-2 times per week

ENGAGEMENT

What you told us...

Highlights

Top 3 things of importance



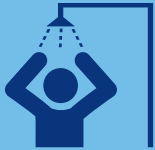
- 1** Open space
- 2** Opening months
- 3** Indoor pool

Pools



- 33%** agreed current pools at the Centre are sufficient
- 52.7%** would like additional multi-functional pools
- 43.7%** like the temperature of the current pools
- 46.7%** agreed the pools meet their fitness needs
- 48%** agreed the pools meet their recreational needs

Services



- 77.3%** agreed the change rooms need upgrading
- 54.5%** agreed current opening hours are good
- 77.4%** agreed to extend months of operations
- 58.5%** would like to see more food & drink options

Open Space



- 59.2%** agreed the green outdoor space is their favourite part of the Centre
- 62.8%** use the green outdoor space for picnics with family and friends

Activities



- 79%** would like to see water play areas for kids
- 55.2%** would like to see more activities at the Centre
- 57.3%** enjoy movie nights and would like see more
- 38.7%** would use a gym **25.5%** depends on cost

What has been decided?

Council resolved in December 2019 to proceed with the option below and to commence detailed design, a development application and tender documentation for this option.

- ▶ A 50 metre outdoor competition pool
- ▶ An indoor learn to swim pool
- ▶ A 25 metre indoor lap pool
- ▶ Adventure slides / major water play / splash pad
- ▶ A new building including entrance, amenities, change rooms and café
- ▶ New grandstand
- ▶ Landscaping works to the open green space
- ▶ Health and fitness / gym space
- ▶ Community / child minding space





What's next?

Council is commencing detailed design to prepare a development application and tender documentation, with a target opening date in 2023.

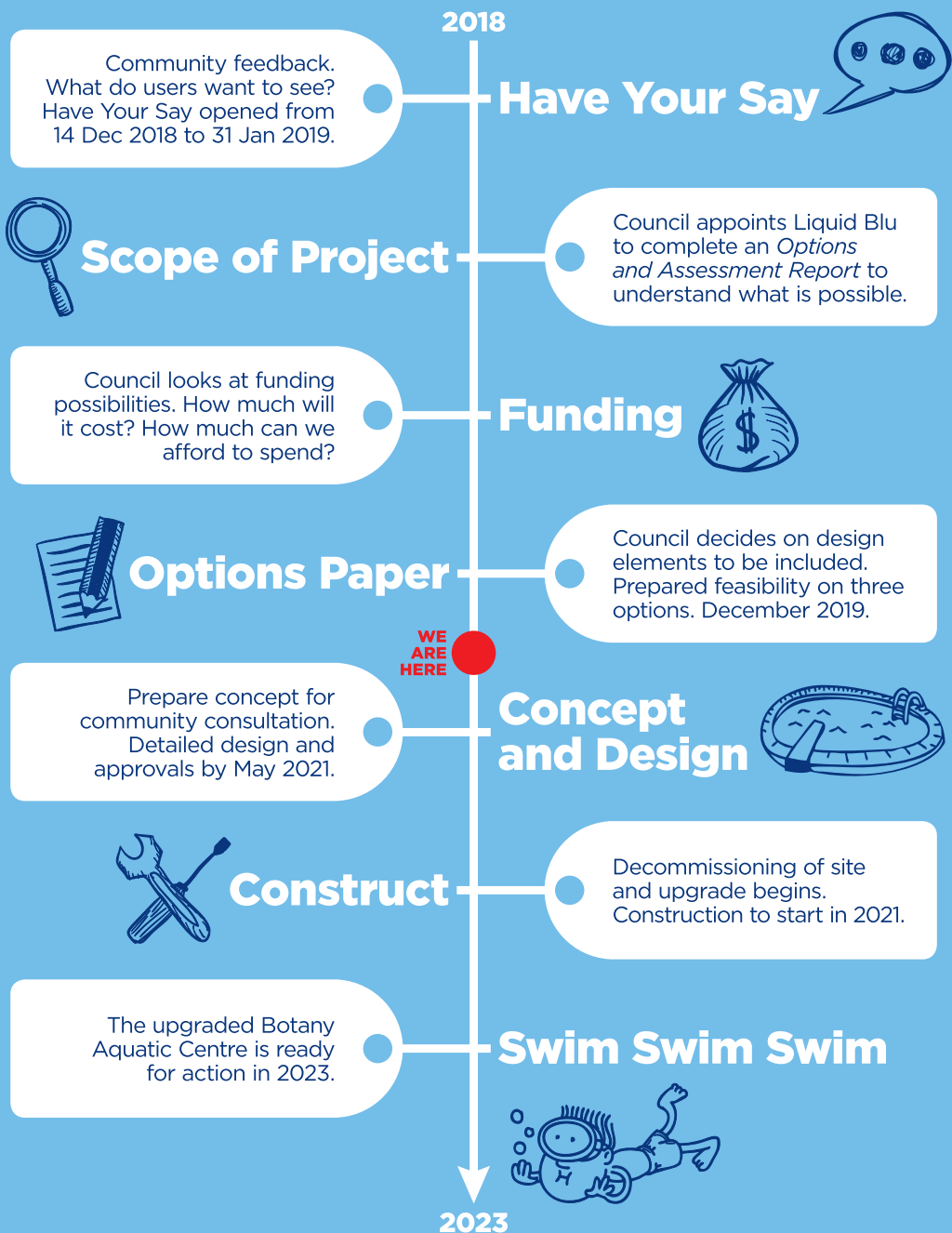
To assist Council in its decision making on the functional design of the updated Aquatic Centre, as well as the proposed delivery, operation and promotion of the Centre, Council will establish a Community Reference Group of people with knowledge of the needs of specific user groups.

Recruitment for this group will be through an Expression of Interest process, to be conducted in February 2020.

Council will also engage with the community during the design process when Council has prepared its concept plans showing how various elements of the updated centre will be arranged.

This will provide the opportunity for all members of the community to comment on the proposed design.

PROJECT TIMELINE







Bayside Council

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