

Council Advertises Mirboo North Pool Tender

The redevelopment of the Mirboo North outdoor pool is now out to tender.

The Mirboo North pool has served the local residents since 1904 and there are few facilities more passionately valued by this community. However despite significant expenditure on maintenance to keep the pool in operational condition, both the pools themselves and the associated buildings have reached the end of their serviceable lives. Council has supported the Mirboo North community's desire to retain the facility by committing to the refurbishment of the pool as a priority project. The project will be the highest value capital works project ever delivered in Mirboo North and one of the larger capital works projects delivered by Council in recent years.

Fred Couper from the Friends of the Mirboo North Pool was enthusiastic about getting to this stage. "The release of the tender documents is such great news for our community. Obviously, this is a project that we've been working with the Council for a long time now to bring to fruition and so to reach this point is really exciting. Now we can look forward to working with whichever organisation is successful in the tendering - together we can deliver a redeveloped pool and splash park that will be wonderful assets for South Gippsland."

South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Councillor Lorraine Brunt was also excited about the prospect of the project getting closer. "The objective of this refurbishment is to bring all the infrastructure at the site to a standard that will enable the Mirboo North pool to service the community for another 40-50 years. It's a tribute to the community and the Council officers that they've worked with that we're almost ready to kick off construction. Hopefully we get some great tenders in over the next few weeks.

"The improved amenities and splash park in particular will strengthen the facility's reputation as a destination venue. The existing natural attributes of the site provide a wonderful base for this to occur and with upgraded infrastructure will make this facility into one of the must visit outdoor pools in the State," she said.

The project scope includes;

- Demolition of existing buildings including amenities, first aid, kiosk, storage and plantroom.
- Construction of new building to current standards including dry programs space, family and fully accessible change facilities.
- Demolition of toddlers' pool and learn-to-swim pool.
- Construction of new learn-to-swim pool with ramp access and splash park.
- Modification to the 25 metre pool to provide ramp access and wet deck style surrounds.
- New plantroom, equipment, pipework and balance tank.
- Accessible paths of travel from car park to pool deck.

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