The City of Parramatta is making good progress on its plans to deliver a new aquatic leisure centre in the Parramatta CBD.

The preferred location for the new centre has been confirmed with Parramatta Park Trust as the site adjacent to Park Parade, near the corner of Pitt Street on the former golf course site. The new Centre will be at the doorstep of Parramatta’s CBD, delivering key services for the community both now and into the future.

Council is considering committing up to $30 million to the project in addition to the State Government’s $30 million funding pledge.

Following extensive community and stakeholder consultation, a Feasibility Study has been commissioned by Council which provides detailed information and costings for a contemporary aquatic facility and includes options to incorporate additional recreational and leisure offerings.

**WHAT YOU TOLD US**

Earlier this year Council consulted with the community and stakeholders in order to confirm their needs and priorities regarding the features and facilities that should be included in the new centre. Almost 3,000 people responded. We heard that you want:

- A modern facility capable of meeting the needs of a rapidly growing population.
- Affordability – a space that offers low-cost options for a quick workout or a family day out.
- A combination of outdoor and indoor pools – offering year round swimming opportunities.
- Complementary recreational facilities and services with the focus on aquatics.
- Inclusivity – access for people of all physical abilities and suited to both competent and learning-to-swim users.
- Easily accessible by car, public transport and by walking.
- A uniquely ‘Parramatta’ aquatic centre – sympathetic to the natural landscape and reflecting the cultural and heritage values of the site.
- Contemporary facilities – including modern and comfortable change room, hot showers, and good, affordable food and beverage options.

“Access is vital. This includes the handicapped as well as the able-bodied, such as adequate parking at a reasonable cost”

“Make it simple and affordable”
Based on your feedback and the draft Feasibility Study, Council is planning to develop a contemporary, multipurpose array of facilities including:

- Four new heated pools, (Two indoor and Two outdoor):
  - A ten-lane 50m heated outdoor pool with poolside seating to accommodate competitions, school carnivals and water polo training and competition
  - An outdoor heated family pool
  - A dedicated indoor Learn to Swim Pool (heated) and adjacent all-abilities water play zone
  - A 25m heated indoor pool for comfortable all year round swimming, programming such as aqua aerobics and rehabilitation and additional learn to swim programs.
  - Access ramps for the 50m and 25m pools
- A multipurpose meeting/ function room
- A club room for swimming and water polo clubs
- Family change rooms and amenities
- A fitness centre (gymnasium, cardio room and programming rooms)
- Amenities for wellness e.g. spa/sauna/steam room
- A café
- Approximately 200 car park spaces

Additional features that could potentially be included

There are a number of extra features that could be incorporated into the design of the new Centre if more funding becomes available. We want to hear from you about which of these you would use most. Extra features could include:

- Water slides
- Diving facilities
- Wave pool
- Indoor sports hall (multi-use)
- Crèche
- More comprehensive Wellness Offerings such as hydrotherapy pool, consultant suites to accommodate physiotherapy, sports medicine etc.
- More parking

WHAT SHOULD THE NEW AQUATIC CENTRE INCLUDE?

HAVE YOUR SAY

City of Parramatta is working closely with stakeholders, ratepayers and residents, the State Government and Parramatta Park Trust to make the centre a reality. Your say is of vital importance in ensuring the success of the new centre.

Have your say by completing our online survey at www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate or at your local library. Submissions close on November 22, 2017.

NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING THIS ROUND OF CONSULTATION:

A business case will be presented to Council in Dec 2017.
Design and planning approval will commence in 2018.
Construction will begin in 2018.
Completion and opening planned for March 2020.

For more information Council will continue to provide the community and stakeholders with updates via Council’s regular communications channels. You can also keep up to date on the project’s progress by visiting www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/poolupdate or register to receive updates by emailing your contact details to poolupdates@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au including your name, phone number and suburb.
Alternatively, you can call our Customer Contact Centre on 9806 5050.