

Item 11: Community

11.1 Indoor Pool Business Case - Final Report

REPORT BY THE MANAGER - RECREATION SERVICES
TO 14 DECEMBER 2022 ORDINARY MEETING
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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. **receive the report by the Manager - Recreation Services on the Indoor Pool Business Case - Final Report;**
 2. **note the Mudgee Indoor Pool Business Case Final Report and the data to be used to guide future aquatic facilities;**
 3. **investigate financing options and grant opportunities for the construction of an indoor swimming pool; and**
 4. **continue to consult with community on the scale and mix of potential aquatic facilities.**
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Executive summary

The attached final report on the Mudgee Indoor Pool Business case focuses on the design options, capital and operational implications and provides the necessary information to support future grant funding submissions.

Disclosure of Interest

Nil

Detailed report

Following the Indoor Pool Business Case interim report supplied to Council at the September 2022 meeting, the Business Case has progressed to a final version (Attachment A). The Business case is an important milestone in the Indoor Pool project as it considers the capital and ongoing operation and asset management costs associated with constructing such a facility.

The Business Case will now enable Council to implement more effective strategic planning of current and future aquatic facility assets. The Business Case is also an essential requirement when applying for grant funding opportunities.

Council will continue to engage with State Government and other potential funding partners regarding funding opportunities for the project. In the interim, Council will continue to assess the nature, scale and mix of potential facilities and services.

As deemed necessary, community feedback will be captured to continue to inform the strategic planning process. Community members will continue to be updated on the project's key milestones and progress through Councils 'Your Say' platform on Councils website.

Community Plan implications

Theme	Looking After Our Community
Goal	Effective and efficient delivery of infrastructure
Strategy	Provide infrastructure and services to cater for the current and future needs of our community

Strategic implications

Council Strategies

Delivery and Operational Plan
Recreation Strategy

Council Policies

Not Applicable

Legislation

Not Applicable

Financial implications

This report does not seek any further funding towards the project at this stage. The construction costs associated with new contemporary aquatic facilities are significant and will require all funding avenues to be explored in order to achieve project completion.

Associated Risks

There are risks in significant amounts for the expenditure for construction of an Indoor Aquatic Centre. This project would involve a significant capital investment and ongoing financial implications to which certain risks are captured in the Business Case.

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1 December 2022

Attachments: 1. Mudgee Indoor Pool Business Case- Final Report. (separately attached)

APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION:

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