



Concept Design



BOYNE TANNUM AQUATIC RECREATION CENTRE

These images are an artist's interpretation of the Concept Design.

The development of a public aquatic recreation centre for the adjacent towns of Boyne Island and Tannum Sands is a major strategic focus for the Gladstone Regional Council (Council) and has the potential to unlock ongoing economic impacts for the local economy.

Council seeks funding of

\$21.08 million

for the construction of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC).

Why this project is important

Access to a public swimming pool has been identified as one of the highest priority social infrastructure needs for the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands community. Currently, the closest public swimming pool is a minimum 25 minutes' drive to Gladstone, the nearest urban centre. With an unfavourable distance of travel and limited public transport between Boyne/Tannum and Gladstone, equitable access to a public swimming pool continues to be an ongoing disadvantage for a community that has a higher composition of families with children, youth, and a projected population growth in the 45-64 age group.

In 2019/20, Queensland Health identified the Gladstone Region to be worse off in four of the 13 preventative health indicators compared to Queensland. Obesity and the lack of sufficient physical activity were the top two preventative indicators for the Gladstone Region. A public aquatic recreation facility for Boyne/Tannum will improve physical and physiological benefits for users, leading to a happier coastal community with stronger social connections.

There is continued advocacy for this project within the community and the sentiment remains firm and passionate with affinity to local pools as important places to socially connect, recreate, build fitness, learn, and have fun.



Over **95 per cent** of residents who responded to our survey support the development of a public swimming pool in the Boyne Island and Tannum Sands community

Statistical Local Area 2 (SLA2) – Boyne Island Tannum Sands



11,571

18.8% of estimated residential population of the Gladstone Region



36.9 years
median
resident age



50.5%
couple families
with children

Background

Council has undertaken extensive consultation with the community to better understand the needs and requirements of such a facility.

This consultation was undertaken via:

- Community surveys
- Direct consultation with advocacy groups and local swim clubs
- Consultation with aquatic facility specialists and designers.

As a result of the consultation, Council advanced the project to the Concept Design stage. To date, several studies have been completed including Feasibility Studies (2018), Preliminary Master Planning and Site Investigations (2019/20), community consultations (2019), site selections (2020) and Concept Design options (2021).

The resultant concept design:

- Provides a flexible, multi-use facility that meets the current and future aquatic recreation needs of the community
- Attracts users to the community for recreation and tourism and enhances health and fitness
- Complements existing aquatic recreation facilities
- Follows sustainable development principles.

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The BTARC would be located on Council's preferred site, Lot 900 Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands and would include the following components:

- FINA standard, 8 lane 50 metre outdoor heated pool with bulkhead
- Distinct recreational zone with a twin waterslide attraction
- Kiosk and general amenities, green space with shaded turf seating areas and spectator embankment
- All abilities access (pool ramp) and pool shading for sun safety and comfort
- Carparking and landscaping.

Short and long-term economic benefits

During construction:

- Gross Regional Product expected to increase by \$13.9 million
- Total 99 FTE jobs created (35 direct employment).

Ongoing economic impacts:

- Providing employment opportunities
- The ability to hold swimming carnivals resulting in increased visitor expenditure
- Increasing our region's appeal with the addition of a new tourism attraction.

Further support required

Council considers the cost of construction to be the largest constraint in delivering this project.

Having been one of Council's major strategic priorities over the past four years, considerable funds have been invested and substantial work has been undertaken to reach the current stage of the project. To deliver this facility for the community, Council will proceed to seek opportunities for external funding.



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