



TOWN OF VINCENT

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Beatty Park Redevelopment to make a Splash

The Town of Vincent has released the Concept Designs for the \$20 million redevelopment of Beatty Park Leisure Centre.

"Beatty Park is one of our greatest and most recognisable assets. In addition to the aquatic centre being a leader in recreation facilities in this State since its creation in 1962, it has been an icon in the Vincent community. The Centre not only caters for our community, but draws patrons from across the metropolitan area and has been the pre-eminent choice for sporting groups and schools as a venue for aquatic events", said Mayor Nick Catania.

Beatty Park Leisure Centre was built and used for the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games. Over the next 31 years, the Centre played a prominent role in the development of swimming and aquatic sports in Western Australia, both in education and at an elite level.

The last major refurbishment of the Centre took place in the 1990s and the Centre is at a stage where the needs of users have changed and the plant and equipment are due for replacement. A recent Needs Analysis recommended that the Centre undergo redevelopment in order to meet the on-going needs of its patrons. Peter Hunt Architect has been contracted to develop Concept Designs for a revamped Centre.

"The Concept Plans envisage a brand new building extension. In addition to the new section, significant upgrade and refurbishment within the Centre will be undertaken, including the outdoor and dive pool, plant room, change-rooms, hydrotherapy pool and spa," continued Mayor Catania.

Summary of proposed works:

- New two-level building, on the east side, the ground level accommodating a new entry reception, retail area, dry lounge, lift and a large gymnasium. The lower level would house patron's toilet/change area, two group fitness and one spin area, centralised staff admin area and kitchen service zone.
- New hydrotherapy area (hot pool) at north rear corner of the site, new water treatment plant, specific toilets and change area.
- Upgrade of existing 50m x 8 lane pool, by widening to 10 lanes, new water treatment plant and tiling. Increase in depth of shallower end from 1.06m to 1.35m.
- Upgrade of diving pool with new base depth of 3.7 metres.

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- New car parking deck (over existing car park).
- Upgrade of existing car park.
- Upgrade of existing toilets and change-rooms.
- Refurbishment of existing toilets/change-rooms on north side of indoor pool as five new family toilet/change facilities
- New spa toilets and change-rooms.
- Upgrade of existing water treatment plant and plant room.
- Replace two concrete slides with new fibreglass slides.
- Repainting of indoor pool interior and exterior.
- Repainting and general maintenance will be undertaken on the existing outdoor grandstand.
- Close off access stairs to underwater viewing area (in the indoor pool) and provide spectator seating instead.
- Relocate swim school.
- Upgrade lawn and landscaping areas to outdoor pool area.
- Minor upgrade to leasehold areas, for use by recreation and associated professionals.
- Suspended open footbridge from car park to entry.

The immediate community residing within the Town of Vincent has a population of some 28,000 people; however, the Centre draws from a much larger catchment area attracting patrons and visitors from throughout Perth and Western Australia. Over 800,000 people visit Beatty Park Leisure Centre each year, it has some 120 employees and an annual turnover of \$4.5 million.

"We are dedicated to ensuring that Beatty Park continues to meet and exceed the expectations of its patrons, remains a state-of-the-art recreation facility and a well managed and profitable asset for our ratepayers. Based on the proposed Concept Plans, the redeveloped Beatty Park Leisure Centre will provide the community with a high quality facility that will be comparable with any new facility in the State and this redevelopment will ensure the operational and financial viability of the Centre for the foreseeable future", continued Mayor Catania.

The Concept Designs have been released for Community Consultation. Details are available at www.vincent.wa.gov.au or www.beattypark.com.au. Comments on the proposed Concept Designs will be received by the Town until 12 September 2008.

Queries on the Redevelopment Concept Designs from the community can be directed to the Manager of Beatty Park Leisure Centre, Dale Morrissy, on 9273 6080.

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