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Hoist Investment Pays Off

In December 2005 the Town of Vincent took its commitment to people with a disability to a new level with the installation of an accessible pool hoist at Beatty Park Leisure Centre. Eighteen months on the hoist has proved to be a fantastic investment in catering to the needs of those with a disability who want to enjoy the pools at Beatty Park.

"The installation of the hoist has had a wonderful flow-on effect for special needs children who have been able to participate in in-term swim lessons with their classmates because of the hoist. Children from West Leederville Primary can vouch for the value of the hoist and we encourage all schools with students with special needs to utilise the facilities at Beatty Park and ensure that all their students who want to learn to swim can enjoy that freedom and achieve that life skill," said Mayor Nick Catania.

The poolside hoist was installed as part of Beatty Park Leisure Centre's programme for continuous improvement to accessibility. Beatty Park is not only popular with Town of Vincent residents, but one of the State's best known and utilised aquatic facilities.

The Centre is frequented by a number of groups servicing people with disabilities including WADSA, special schools and adult support services. A number of Clubs catering to children and adults with disabilities are regular users of the facility. Individuals with a range of disabilities are also frequent users of Beatty Park's facility.

The installation of the pool hoist was made possible though a grant from the Independent Living Centre and is available for use on the indoor and outdoor pools. It is easy to use, battery operated, mobile, virtually maintenance free and comes with various attachments including swing arm chair, wheelchair platform, commode chair lift and spinal board retriever.

Beatty Park Swim School offers integrated lessons for children and adults with minor disabilities.

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