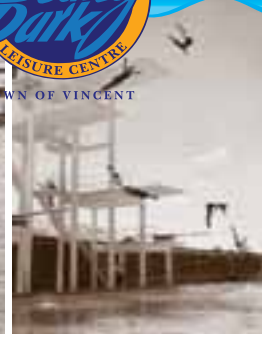


# BEATTY PARK NEWS



Since its creation for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games in 1962, Beatty Park has become one of the most recognisable and popular aquatic and recreation facilities in the State. Since 2000 the Centre has continued to adapt to the changing needs of patrons and played host to a number of events and innovations.

## Events and Celebrations

- 2000 – the Olympic Games Torch Relay visited Beatty Park in the lead-up to the Sydney Olympic Games
- 2002 – Beatty Park turned 40 and a huge party was organised along with displays of memorabilia from over the years
- 2004 – Beatty Park was listed as the 1000th entry in the State Heritage Register
- 2006 – the Commonwealth Games Queen's Baton Relay visited Beatty Park in the lead-up to the Games in Melbourne
- Independent Girls School Sports Association (IGSSA) hold their interschool swimming carnival at Beatty Park Leisure Centre with close to 5,000 attendees each March



## Sustainability

- 2003 – New boiler installed
- 2003 – Indoor pool blankets introduced to reduce gas and water costs (this was highly innovative as they were installed in the rafters above the pool which meant they did not take up valuable space around the pool)
- 2004 – 50m pool blankets introduced to further reduce service costs
- 2004 – Dive pool blankets introduced
- 2005 – Water-saving shower heads installed in main change-rooms



## Innovations

- 2001 – Indoor pool resurfaced and new fibreglass water features added
- 2002 – Defibrillator purchased and employees trained
- 2005 – All Beatty Park's pools became accessible with the purchase of a battery-operated pool hoist with interchangeable legs for each pool
- 2006 – New aqua playground purchased for the outdoor pools



## Awards and Grants

- 2003 – Heart Foundation Award – Recreation Facility
- 2003 – Local Government Awards Category Winner (Information Services – Poolwatch, pool safety programme)
- 2007 – Winner WA Water Wise Awards – Water Conservation and Efficiency Category
- 2008 – Second place in the State Lifeguard Challenge
- 2008 – Community Water Grant of \$49,977 (to assist with the cost of installing water-saving equipment in the change-rooms and promoting the water saving message to patrons and employees)
- 2008 – Healthways Grant of \$35,000 for Angelfish Disability Inclusion Programme (a programme designed at Beatty Park Leisure Centre to facilitate the transition of people with a disability from one-to-one lessons to joining mainstream swimming lessons)

## Future

- Late 2008 – Beatty Park Retail Shop goes on-line
- Late 2009 – Major redevelopment of the Centre planned – \$15-20 million. By redeveloping the Centre, the Town hopes to create a state-of-the-art, modern and competitive leisure centre that will act as a magnet for a diverse range of recreation activities that will complement the sustainability objectives of the Town. At present the Centre is a popular aquatic and fitness facility; the redevelopment would ensure the long-term viability of the Centre and meet the current and future needs of patrons by incorporating best practice and innovation.

