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Tenders to be Called for Beatty Park Redevelopment

The long-awaited redevelopment of the Town of Vincent's Beatty Park Leisure Centre is set to begin with the staged redevelopment being given the go-ahead.

“The final working drawings have been completed and we are moving onto the next stage of the redevelopment by calling for tenders for construction and for the geothermal energy system. With the concept plans signed off we are moving towards the staged revamp of the Centre with works set to commence by mid year”, said Mayor Nick Catania.

The \$16.5 million Stage 1 of the 4-stage project will see a number of major upgrades take place at the Centre including installation of a Geothermal Energy System and significant construction works with a new 2-level extension being built with new access ramps for people with disabilities, a new entrance, new swimwear shop, upgraded café and lounge areas, new swim school and crèche, upgraded change-rooms and new family change-rooms. In addition, a new gym will be built with two group fitness rooms. The pool areas will also undergo substantial renovations with a new ten lane 50-metre outdoor pool being constructed together with the dive pool being converted to a water polo pool with wet deck, the inclusion of a learners' pool and outdoor showers plus the retiling and refurbishment of the indoor pool. Stage 1 will also see an upgrade of the plant room and associated equipment.

“We are also looking to ensure that the Centre meets our sustainability goals and have included specification for the redevelopment to incorporate a number of features and initiatives to not only reduce running costs but reflect best practice in environmental sustainability such as Green Star Accreditation”, continued Mayor Catania.

Tenders for construction works and for the geothermal system will be called in the next couple of weeks. Financing of the redevelopment is through grant funds, Town reserves and loans with the Town exploring all possible funding options including government grants and joint ventures with private enterprise. Centre patrons will be notified of the construction schedule once it is determined after the tenders are awarded and a range of options will be available to members to minimise inconvenience.

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Artist impression of the redeveloped Centre

“This is an exciting time for Beatty Park and for all the loyal patrons. Beatty Park celebrates its fifty year anniversary in November 2012 and now the Centre will be boasting a new lease on life when it reaches this milestone”, concluded Mayor Catania.

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