

## MEDIA STATEMENT – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Beatty Park milestone reached – indoor pools now open

The \$17millon redevelopment project reached its first significant milestone today with the opening of the rejuvenated indoor pool.

The 8-lane indoor heated pool has been completely resurfaced with high quality ceramic tiles to ensure the pool is of the highest industry standard and its aesthetics mirror community desires.

Mayor Alannah MacTiernan says, "The project is on time and on budget. The opening was timed to endure we could resume the massive swimming lesson programme at the beginning of term. The pool will also be open for casual users."

"The new 10-lane outdoor pool will open in late October and the grand opening of the new twolevel building and its fitness facilities is scheduled for December, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of Beatty Park. We're anticipating an increase in patronage and membership; it's expected we'll grow from 2,000 members when we closed for redevelopment in 2011 to a 3,500-strong membership base over the next two years," said the Mayor.

A number of fun water features have been added for children, including a frog slide, an anaconda water snake and playful "tipping bells" that will fill and tip water down onto kids below. The new suite of indoor change rooms and crèche facilities will come online in August however existing change rooms are available. The hoist for disabled access is also operational.

The gymnasium, which has stayed open throughout the works, continues to offer a range of quality equipment in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Group fitness classes, circuit and the trendy RPM<sup>™</sup> cycling classes hosted in a darkened room with UV lighting add to the mix of fun fitness activities on offer.

The Beatty Park Swim School is now taking enrolments for swimming lessons and the Swim Shop is open at reception selling a range of bathers and pool accessories.

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