

Media Release

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Rejuvenation of Gladstone Aquatic Centre is progressing well

Works to rejuvenate the Gladstone Aquatic Centre are going swimmingly with the facility passing another upgrade milestone with the completion of the site boundary fence.

Council installed approximately 230 metres of boundary fence and four new gates which has improved the overall aesthetics of the site, providing a vast improvement on the chain link fence that previously occupied the site boundary.

Minor tile and crack repair work wrapped up in October last year, which also saw the installation of FINA-approved starting blocks.

The installation of a new main electrical switchboard was completed in December.

December also saw the community given a chance to have their say on the colour theme of the upgraded aqua play park, with blue the most popular choice with 73 per cent of the vote.

Rejuvenation of the Aquatic Playpark is now underway with the target date for completion towards the end of June 2021.

Attention now turns to an upgrade of the filtration plant, which is expected to be completed by May.

Gladstone Region Councillor Darryl Branthwaite said further works scheduled for later this year include storage upgrades, main amenities upgrades and external pool lighting compliant with Australian standards for aquatic centres.

The works will also include a significant upgrade to disability amenities in the 25m pool area, introducing 'Changing Places' features.

"Aquatic facility managers, BlueFit are actively working to reduce the impact on pool users during these upgrades and appreciates the community's understanding and support," Cr Branthwaite said.

"To avoid closing the facility to carry out works, and to enable the community to maximise their use of the facility, upgrades are being undertaken in stages.

"It's great to see this \$1.2 million rejuvenation project, funded by the Queensland Government's COVID Works for Queensland program, progressing along nicely."

Patrons visiting Gladstone Aquatic Centre are asked to please follow all signage directions as works take place in different sections of the facility.

The Gladstone Aquatic Centre upgrade has been supported by the Queensland Government through the COVID Works for Queensland program.



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