

GUNNEDAH MEMORIAL POOL RENEWAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Thank you

IT'S OPENING SOON

The redeveloped Gunnedah Memorial Pool Complex will open on Saturday, December 15 at 11.00am. It has been 14 months in the making. A huge construction project - the largest ever undertaken by Gunnedah Shire Council.

The facility now boasts a new, eight-lane 50 metres pool and an exciting Kids Wet Play Park, encircled by a new Main Pavilion with its spectacular multi-coloured inner wall. New royal blue shade structures cover the Kids Wet Play Park, Kids Playground and seating locations on the northern and southern sides of the 50 metres pool.

Access to the complex has been considerably improved with new pathways and ramps ensuring compliant disability access from the carpark to the water's edge. The amenities in the Main Pavilion provide full accessibility for all patrons with two accessible amenity rooms, three family change rooms and generous male and female amenities.

The large turfed area between the Kids Wet Play Park and the 50 metres pool is sure to be a winner with both kids and families. This area also contains the Kids Playground with its bright colours and multi coloured sculptured soft fall ensuring it's the fun place to be.

And finally the water - it will be the best! The new filtration systems installed as part of the redevelopment provides the highest quality water in the 50 metres pool, Kids Wet Play Park and the 25 metres heated pool.

Come and join us on the 15th and enjoy this wonderful new pool complex. Entry will be free on Saturday, 15 December to Sunday, 16 December 2018.



THE PEOPLE FROM HINES

Bathurst-based company Hines Constructions has been responsible for constructing the redeveloped Gunnedah Memorial Pool Complex.

Established by David Hines in 1994, Hines Constructions is a multi-award winning commercial, industrial and residential design, and building and construction company. Recognised throughout the industry as a leader in regional NSW, the company has a strong focus on delivering high quality, innovative and sustainable projects.

Following the awarding of the \$11.4 million construction contract by Council in August 2017, Hines started work on the site on October 16, 2017. The contract provided for a 52-week construction timeframe. This was adjusted only twice - once due to structural complications in a retained section of the old pavilion and recently due to early spring rain delaying the pool tiling.

The construction project has been led by Senior Project Manager, Alan Vermeer and Construction Manager, Paddy Barber.

The delivery of the project has required the engagement of several highly skilled trades. Whilst a number of specialised sub-contractors have necessarily come from outside the region, including interstate, there has also been considerable benefit to the local economy from the project.

All the bricks and masonry products were provided by Namoi Valley Brickworks whilst over 1000 cubic metres of concrete has been supplied by Gunnedah's Boral Concrete plant. Additional to this, Gunnedah contractors have been engaged in the demolition, craneage, electrical, refrigeration, landscaping and sub-contracts.

As well, many of the out of region sub-contractors have been in Gunnedah for extended periods, thus supporting the hospitality industry.



Director, David Hines



Senior Project Manager, Alan Vermeer



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THE DESIGN

Multi-disciplined Planning and Architectural Consultancy GHD Pty Ltd began the conceptual design for the renewal of the Gunnedah Memorial Pool Complex in late 2014.

Under the guidance of Project Architect, Chris Acevski and Senior Architect, Chris Van Lint, an extensive community consultation process was undertaken. In conjunction with the Gunnedah Memorial Pool Working Group, representing stakeholders and the broader community, a concept design was developed that established a two stage Master Plan for the Complex.

One of the principal criteria for the design was to ensure that it had a 'wow' factor. The reconstructed Main Pavilion certainly achieves that, with the multicoloured "Danpolon" wall sheeting to the eastern elevation adjacent to the Kids Wet Play Park and Playground providing a brilliant 'pop' of colour.

Stage 1 of the Master Plan will be completed under the current construction contract. As part of these works, the future location of the 25 metres heated pool (central turfed area) has been excavated to facilitate construction of Stage 2 when this occurs in the future.



THE FIRST EIGHT

No, this is not about a rowing race, but rather who will be the first eight Gunnedah Shire residents to make history and take the plunge into the new 50 metres pool.

Nominations have been received from across the community for the opportunity to be the first to swim the first lap of the outdoor pool. The successful nominees will be announced just prior to the opening on 15 December. Be there to cheer them on!



KIDS WET PLAY PARK

The new eight lane 50 metres pool with its wet deck is impressive, but the kids, mums and dads, in fact all the family will love the state-of-the-art wet play park.

From sprays to waterfalls and slippery slides to the big bucket, it has something for everyone. Extending from its beach shoreline to a depth of 300mm and its location near the kiosk, the kids will love this innovative addition to the pool complex. And with the alfresco area nearby, the adults can enjoy a latté from Kinfolk Poolside Café under the shade of an umbrella whilst the kids play.



THANK YOU

The completion of the construction of the redeveloped Gunnedah Memorial Pool is a major milestone for the Gunnedah community.

To those that live in the immediate vicinity of the complex, Council expresses its sincere appreciation for your patience during the construction period. In particular, your tolerance during the four months of demolition and excavation work that prepared the site for the outstanding new facility.

To the Architects, GHD Pty Ltd for the outstanding design and support during the construction phase of the project. To the construction contractors, Hines Constructions for its professional delivery of a high quality community project that will be enjoyed by the Gunnedah community for many decades to come.

Finally, to the Gunnedah community for its understanding that the outdoor pool would be unavailable during the redevelopment of this major item of community infrastructure.

