








# GUNNEDAH MEMORIAL POOL RENEWAL PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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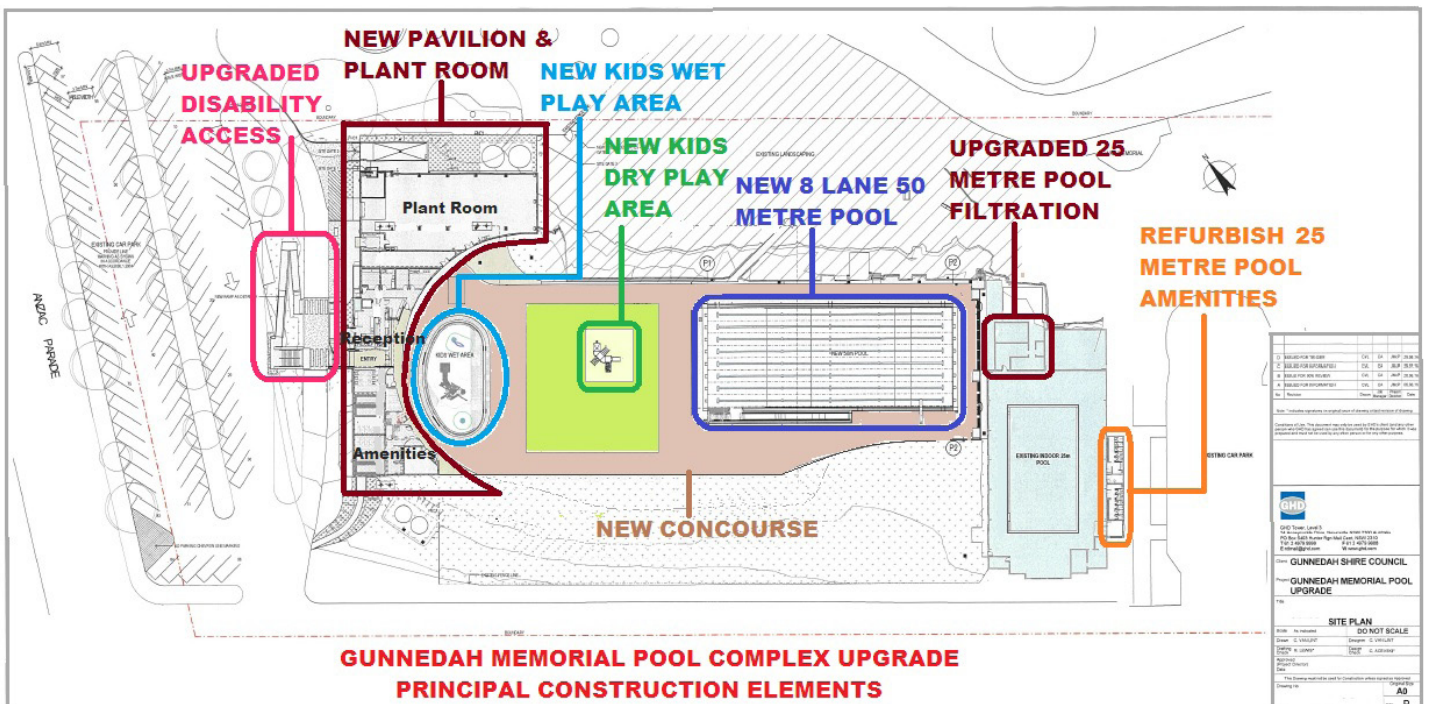
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## BACKGROUND

The Gunnedah Memorial Pool Complex was established in the mid-1950s and was built as a war memorial largely funded by community donations and voluntary labour. An adjoining indoor heated pool facility was constructed in the 1970s.

The complex has since been an important community asset where it caters for community recreational swimming, school swimming carnivals and learn to swim schools, as well as supporting local swimming and triathlon clubs.

The existing facility is ageing and maintenance costs are steadily increasing with ongoing pool and building repairs. We are sure everyone has fond memories of time spent at the complex and have identified that this is an important community asset. We have committed significant funds to the renewal to ensure it remains a valued community asset into the future.



# PROJECT OUTLINE - WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Council has recently accepted a tender of \$11.375 million from Hines Constructions of Bathurst for Stage 1a of the Master Plan.

We asked the community for their input and Stage 1a will see a new 50 metre pool, a kids wet play area, and new pavilion established. As part of the works, a new water filtration system will be installed to ensure all pools in the complex meet current sanitation standards.

The existing amenities in the 25 metre heated pool enclosure will also be refurbished and disability access improved across the complex.

# PROJECT UPDATE - WHERE IS IT UP TO?

The pool upgrade is expected to begin during October with a 12-month construction time frame. We anticipate that the new pool complex will be open for the 2018-19 summer season. The existing 50m pool, surrounds and western carpark will be closed for this period to allow for construction and demolition works.

The 25m pool will be closed for an expected two-week initial period around October 2017, to allow the filtration system to the 50m pool to be disconnected. Amenities to the 25m pool and its filtration system will be upgraded towards the end of the project. The 25m pool will then be closed for approximately an eight to ten week period around August 2018.

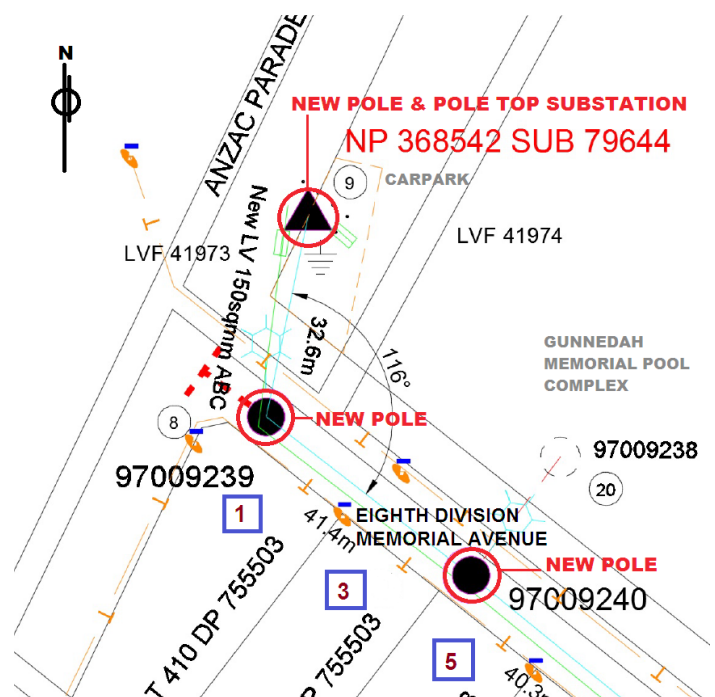
We apologise for any inconvenience caused, however feel the upgraded complex will benefit the community for many years to come.

# ELECTRICAL SUPPLY UPGRADE

As part of the construction work at the complex, the electrical supply in Eighth Division Memorial Avenue will be upgraded to meet the demands of the renewed pool facility.

This will involve replacement of all power poles on the southern side of Eighth Division Memorial Avenue and installation of a new pole mounted transformer on the north eastern corner of the Anzac Parade - Eighth Division Memorial Avenue intersection adjacent to the pool carpark.

The pool complex will be supplied with power from this new transformer. The timing of this electrical upgrade work has not been determined.

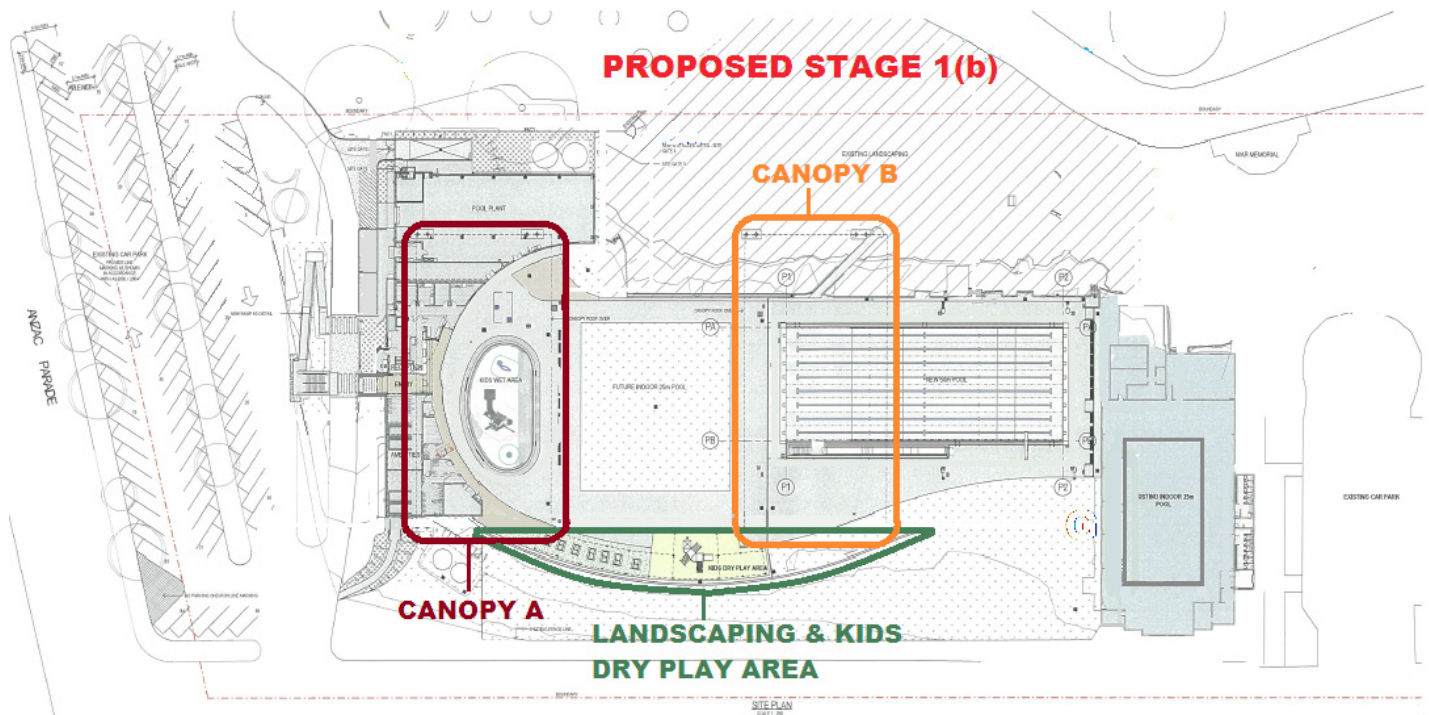


## PUBLIC SWIMMING FACILITIES

Every effort will be made to maintain the availability of public swimming facilities during the construction period. The 25 metre heated pool will remain open during the construction, apart from the times when the filtration is upgraded and the amenities are refurbished, as mentioned in the Project Update above.

## RESOURCES FOR REGIONS - STAGE 1B

Council has lodged an Expression of Interest for NSW Government Resources for Regions funding to support construction of additional elements identified in Stage 1b of the Master Plan for the complex. These elements were identified by the Pool Working Group as two large canopies over the Kids Wet Play Area and the 50 metre pool, as well as shelters and additional landscaping.



## CONSULTATION - KEEPING YOU UPDATED

Considerable interaction will occur with stakeholders, user groups and the community when the construction program and further timelines are locked down.

This is the first newsletter in a series throughout the project, to keep everyone updated as progress occurs. We expect to publish newsletters approximately every two months.

Council will continue to work with and consult through the Pool Working Group for this important community asset and look forward to delivering a fantastic new facility for the Gunnedah Shire.



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