



New Adelaide Aquatic Centre

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The South Australian Government is designing, building, and operating a new aquatic centre in Adelaide's Northern Park Lands at Pardipardinyilla / Denise Norton Park (Park 2).

Construction is progressing well on site with the slabs for three of the new pools now laid and parts of the structure of the new building beginning to take shape. Demolition of the former aquatic centre site is also progressing with the internal structures being removed and the old pools now backfilled.

Alternative swim venues keeping community active

As work continues, over 100 swim groups and over 2,000 learn-to-swim students are temporarily using other centres around Adelaide to continue their training and classes.

Hugh, one of the long-time users of the former Adelaide Aquatic Centre, initially found the news of closure of the centre difficult. We were so pleased to recently hear from Hugh when he shared with the project team how well he has adapted to the new temporary arrangements. *“When the Adelaide Aquatic Centre closed, it was a challenging time for me, as I had relied on it for my daily wellness for over forty years.” Fortunately, I received valuable guidance in selecting a new fitness centre from my local MP, the Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing and the Department for Infrastructure and Transport. The transition has been a great success. Thank you to everyone who helped me.”*



The newly refurbished Thebarton Aquatic Centre is one of the venues being used

Again, we would like to thank everyone for their support during this interim period. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the new centre when it opens in the summer of 2025/2026.

Sustainability ripples through the new centre design

Targeting net zero emissions by 2050.

The new state-of-the-art aquatic centre has a strong focus on sustainable construction and operation.

Unlike the old facility that heavily relied on gas to operate its boilers, the new centre will be all-electric, powered using 100 per cent renewable energy.

The building itself has been designed to be airtight, meaning there are no gaps that allow air to leak in or out. In line with best practice contemporary aquatic centre design, this design offers several benefits including better indoor air quality, reduced evaporation and improved thermal comfort. Most importantly, it significantly enhances energy efficiency.

Also contributing towards the building's energy efficiency are the ultra-fine water filtration systems. This technology not only creates a safer pool environment for users, but it also makes the ongoing operation of the facility more efficient.

Other features that make this new facility sustainable include:

- low carbon material choices
- water sensitive urban design
- solar panels
- integrated sun shading to the façade to reduce heat load and glare
- six electric vehicle (EV) charging station and around 60 bicycle spaces, encouraging sustainable transport options
- 1000sqm of Park Lands returned, an increased tree canopy ratio and more green spaces and planting across Park 2.

Around 98% of all demolition material from the old pool was either recycled or reused - avoiding approximately 12,700 tonnes of scrap metal, soil, concrete and other construction waste from going to landfill.

More information

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A centre where everyone can take the plunge

An accessible space for everyone.

The design sets a new benchmark for recreational aquatic facilities nationally. It will be an inclusive and accessible place for everyone to enjoy.

Inclusivity has been a guiding principle behind every aspect of the design, ensuring accessibility for individuals of diverse abilities, all cultures, genders, and ages.

Amenities will include accessible, all-gender, larger-sized family change areas, in addition to female and male change rooms. Among the accessible amenities, a number will be equipped with an adult change table and hoist.

The main Change Village will incorporate a multi-faith room, carer's room with private spaces, large nappy change benches, microwave, and sink. A sensory room is also part of the design.

The philosophy of inclusivity is also applied to the design of the water facilities, which cater to all types of swimmers. The new centre will be a place for community to come together, promoting a sense of belonging and connection.



Construction works update

Key activities continuing

- indoor pool concrete pours
- outdoor pool concrete excavations
- ground floor concrete structure pours
- above ground (super structure) work
- former centre demolition and salvage work

Key upcoming activities:

- demolition of the main structure of the former centre
- first floor concrete structure pours