

» swimming pools redevelopment project



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After forty-plus years of use the much-loved Alstonville and Ballina Swimming Pools are receiving comprehensive upgrades, which means next summer the community will be cooling off in revamped and modern aquatic facilities.

This major upgrades require extensive work, with both pools to be closed from March to early November 2017. This will impact on normal seasonal operating times but is essential as both sites are being redeveloped simultaneously.

Once completed, the up-to-date aquatic facilities will become valuable community assets for the next forty years.

While works are underway, take advantage of Ballina Shire's beautiful swimming spots, including the Richmond River, North Creek, Shaws Bay, Lake Ainsworth or our patrolled beaches along the coast.

» what is planned?

Following comprehensive community consultation in 2016, a design concept for each facility was developed and endorsed by the Council. Now all the relevant planning approvals have been received and Council is ready to deliver these valuable community resources.

Woollams Pty Ltd has been selected to design and construct the new pools and facilities, which will include:

- FINA compliant 50m x 20m heated pools. Each pool will have eight 2.5m-wide lanes for competition swimming and water polo games
- 25m x 15m heated enclosable pools for swimming lessons, children's play, lap swimming and rehabilitation

- Access ramps into all pools
- Wet play splash areas for children
- The Ballina pool will have a new amenities building and transparent screens along the Richmond River
- Enhanced landscaping at each site.

Both the Alstonville and Ballina Swimming Pool complexes will close for the season at 6.00pm on Sunday 19 March 2017 (this also includes the Ballina Waterslide). Subject to unforeseen delays, it is anticipated both complexes will reopen in early November 2017.

Information previously provided to customers purchasing season passes during the 2016-17 swimming season stated refunds or compensation would not be provided due to an expected shorter 2017-18 swimming season. Season passes are competitively priced against similar aquatic facilities, and even with a shorter swimming season offer great value.

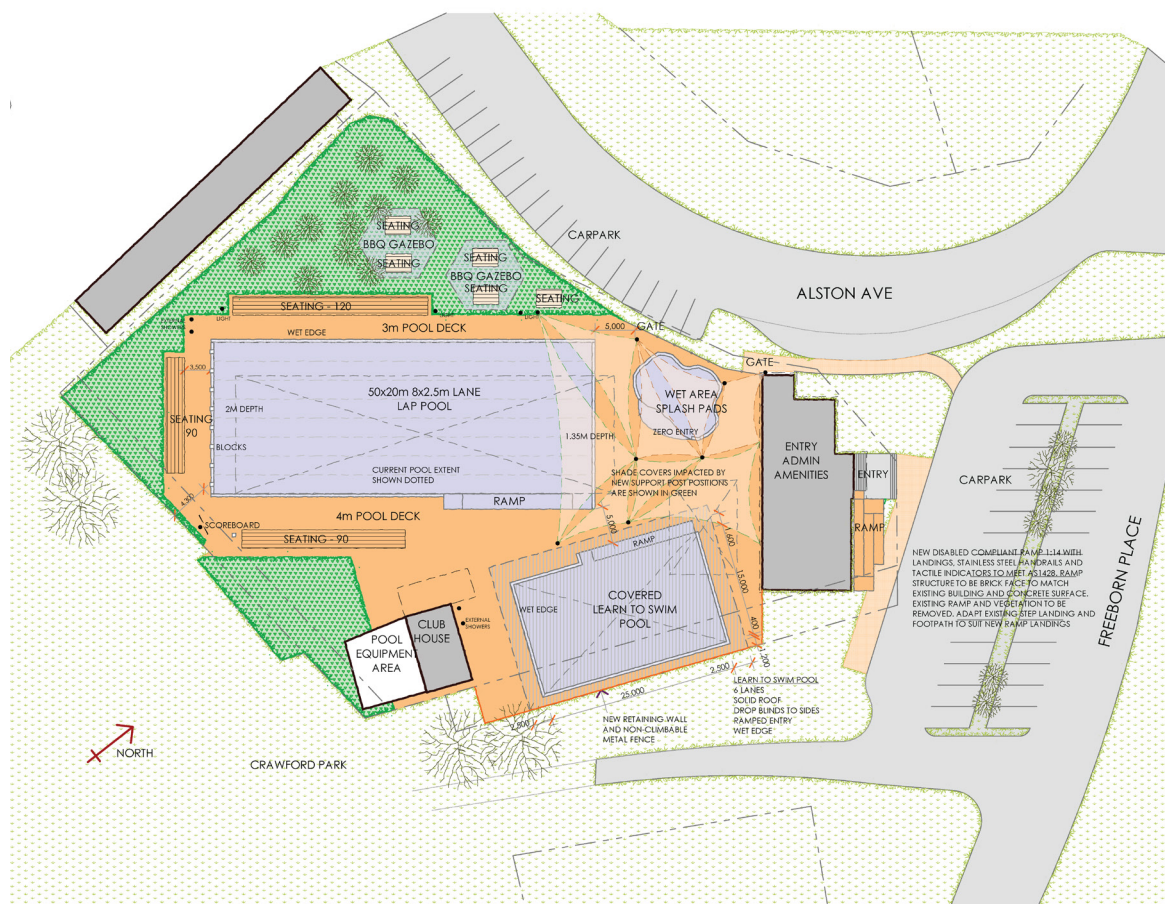


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>> alstonville pool concept plan

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