

## fact sheet

### Gladstone Aquatic Centre Children's Water Play Park



<p><b>History</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Located at the Gladstone Aquatic Centre, 60 Tank Street, Gladstone.</li> <li>• The Gladstone Aquatic Centre main pool was built in 1979.</li> <li>• Gladstone City Council's 2006 Open Space &amp; Recreational Plan identified the need for significant upgrade and modernisation of the centre.</li> <li>• In 2009, Council engaged specialist sports and aquatic consultants, the Strategic Leisure Group, to assist in the preparation of a Gladstone Aquatic Centre Facility Development Plan.</li> <li>• 100% Council funded.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Background</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$2.5 million redevelopment project featuring a water play park for children under 12 years of age.</li> <li>• Constructed by Brisbane based pool company Beau Corp Aquatics &amp; Construction.</li> <li>• Beau Corp Aquatics team worked closely with the team at Argo Architects &amp; Master Planners for design perspectives.</li> <li>• Local suppliers and trades and Gladstone Regional Council staff utilised.</li> <li>• Brief for construction was to build a water play park for children under 12, that was not only fun, but educational, interactive and state of the art.</li> <li>• Demolition and construction works commenced six months ago.</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Re-development included removal of the existing toddler pool to accommodate a lagoon style water play area, known as the Splash Zone.</li><li>• Project delivered on time and on budget.</li></ul>
<b>Features</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Educational while promoting interactivity.</li><li>• Family friendly environment.</li><li>• Big Tipper Bucket capable of dumping 500 litres of water at a time from a height of six metres and re-filling in 90 seconds.</li><li>• Fun slides</li><li>• Water jets, cannons</li><li>• Sprays and bubblers</li><li>• Toddler's' Pool</li><li>• Shading over a large percentage of the water park and verges.</li></ul>
<b>Milestones</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>April 10, 2013:</b> Gladstone Aquatic Centre closed to allow removal of the existing toddler pool.</li><li>• <b>April 16, 2013:</b> Gladstone Regional Council Mayor Gail Sellers turns the first sod marking the commencement of construction.</li><li>• <b>August 20, 2013:</b> Council opts for the Splash Zone name and a new logo for the Gladstone Aquatic Centre created in a modern, vibrant style that reflects the direction the facility is taking.</li><li>• <b>October 4, 2013:</b> Big Tipper Bucket installed by contractor Beau Corp Aquatics &amp; Construction using a 16-tonne crane.</li><li>• <b>November 17, 2013:</b> Grand opening, officially opened by Gladstone Regional Council Mayor Gail Sellers.</li></ul>