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Council to seek community input on Boyne Tannum Aquatic Centre

Gladstone Regional Council will seek community input following adoption of the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre Feasibility Study at today's general meeting.

Gladstone Region Mayor Matt Burnett said community engagement on the Aquatic Centre proposal would occur as soon as possible.

"In Council's 2018/19 budget \$250,000 was allocated to undertake a feasibility study/concept design," Councillor Burnett said.

"Having spent \$68,000 on the feasibility study, Council today decided to progress to community engagement aiming for a concept design to start by the end of June.

Cr Burnett said for the project to be built, external funding would need to be sought.

"As a Council we are conscious of the cost of a facility and mindful of the impact on ratepayers, so we will be seeking funding from state and/or federal governments."

Cr Burnett said 11 sites were initially identified as having potential for the development of an Aquatic Centre with these sites then reduced to three.

Locations in Tannum Sands at Hampton Drive, Coronation Drive and Canoe Point Road are being considered.

"The study also considered four options for the style of facilities which could be designed, depending on community preferences," Cr Burnett said.

There are a range of options that will be presented during a period of community engagement.

"Council will seek the community's views on their preferred location and preferred components of the Aquatic Centre," Cr Burnett said.

Gladstone Regional Council officers will carry out community engagement on the facility at the first Beach Arts Music (BAM) event of the year at the Millennium Esplanade, Tannum Sands, on Saturday, March 2.