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Council continues its own commitment to a public aquatic recreation facility for Boyne/Tannum

The development of a public aquatic recreation facility for Boyne Island and Tannum Sands took another step forward today when Gladstone Regional Council adopted a Concept Design for the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre (BTARC) at its General Meeting.

Providing a facility to meet the future needs of the Boyne/Tannum community remains one of Council's major strategic priorities as it has the potential to positively impact the local economy.

Gladstone Region Deputy Mayor Kahn Goodluck said Council had been advocating for an aquatic recreation centre in Boyne Island or Tannum Sands for more than four years.

"While today's announcement to adopt the Concept Design brings the development of BTARC one step closer to becoming a reality, Council will continue to seek opportunities for external funding to deliver this project," Councillor Goodluck said.

After being engaged by Council in January 2021, consultancy group GHD reviewed the 2020 Preliminary Master Plan to develop the Concept Design options on Council's preferred site at Lot 900, Coronation Drive, Tannum Sands.

The preferred design was presented at today's General Meeting with the adopted Concept Design including the following:

- FINA standard, eight lane 50m outdoor heated pool with bulkhead
- Distinct recreational zone with a twin waterslide attraction
- Kiosk and general amenities, green space with shaded turf seating areas and spectator embankment
- All abilities access (pool ramp) and pool shading for sun safety and comfort
- Car parking and landscaping.

Cr Goodluck said it was great to see the BTARC wheels in motion as the \$21.08 million project would be one of Council's largest social infrastructure investments.

"The Federal Opposition has committed \$15 million to support Council to develop and construct the Boyne Tannum Aquatic Recreation Centre," he said.

"Council will continue to advocate for funding and carry on its commitment to proceed with this project, with the next phase of project development to submit a Development Application."

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Council acknowledges another development proposal to deliver a private aquatic recreation facility was submitted to Council, with the Development Application (DA/24/2021) approved at a General Meeting on 1 March 2022.

The private development remains separate to Council's strategic project and role as the developer of the BTARC.

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