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Final pool designs and costings unveiled

Glenorchy City Council has unveiled its preferred option for a redeveloped Glenorchy War Memorial Pool.

Glenorchy Mayor Sue Hickey said the option would be presented at an open workshop this afternoon.

“The consultants we engaged have been working with community stakeholders for the past 10 months to bring Council an option that both reflects the community’s preferences and has the strongest business case to attract funding.

“Stakeholder groups, who lobbied Council following the closure of the existing pool last year, have been involved in this process from the outset, and this option has been developed with their input.

“In addition, an elector poll held earlier this year made it clear the community wanted Council to redevelop the facility. This option is being presented to Council as the best option in terms of the community benefit it brings, which maximises its chances of gaining government funding.”

Mayor Hickey said the preferred option included:

- outdoor 50m pool
- water slide
- indoor 25m lap pool
- indoor 20m warm water learn-to-swim or program pool
- spa, sauna and steam room
- toddler pool
- gymnasium and health club
- café.

“This option would give the community a modern aquatic facility for the next 40 years, retaining an outdoor facility that many users of the existing pool told us was important.”

Mayor Hickey said the cost of the redevelopment was \$84 million.

“We recognise this represents a major investment in our community and in our sport and recreation infrastructure.

“But we also recognise the benefits a swimming pool has for people in assisting them lead active and healthy lives.

“Council will be briefing both State and Federal Governments on the preferred option to secure funding for the project.

“In the meantime, Council will be getting on with the job of repairing and re-opening the existing pool which we are aiming to have ready for summer next year,” she said.

Mayor Hickey said she thanked the members of the community who had helped guide the consultation and assisting with defining the preferred option.

“The level of community passion and pride that people have shown around the pool is to be commended, and we look forward to be unveiling this preferred option at our workshop this afternoon which is open to the public,” she said.

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