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Collie to have indoor warm water pool

The residents of Collie will soon be able to enjoy swimming all year round following \$2 million funding from the State Government for the much-anticipated project.

Minister Mick Murray said "This new indoor pool will be a welcome facility for the community.

"It will make the swimming pool complex a 12-month of the year operation, allowing for warm water access with health and wellbeing benefits for the Collie community and people of all ages including learn to swim activities, water awareness sessions for babies, rehabilitation, and water exercise opportunities."

Community consultation undertaken in 2018 explored various configurations of indoor warm water pools, including a 25m 6 lane pool, a warm water program pool and a hybrid 25m 3 lane pool plus program pool. The consultant found that, of the options explored, an indoor warm water program pool was the feature that respondents ranked as the highest priority and was the most viable option for ratepayers. The building is to include the addition of an office and storage space for the Collie Swimming Club if funding permits.

Council will consider tenders for the detailed design of the indoor pool facility at this week's Council meeting, with the construction tender expected to be awarded in late 2020 and construction to be finalised by September 2021.

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