

Shire of Collie

Indoor Pool Working Group Meeting

Notes from the meeting of the Indoor Pool Working Group held on 19 October 2022, commencing at 4pm.

**1. Welcome and Attendance**

Cr Joe Italiano welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Attendance**

Members

Cr Joe Italiano	Shire of Collie Elected Member – Meeting Chair
Cr Michelle Smith	Shire of Collie Elected Member
Stuart Devenish	Shire of Collie Chief Executive Officer
Beth Peters	Collie Heated Indoor Pool Supporters (CHIPS)
Ann Briggs	Collie Kids in Need
Scott Digney	Underwater Hockey
Rod Latham	Swimming Club
Pamela Anderson	Community representative

Administrative Support

Nicole Wasmann	Shire of Collie Director Corporate Services
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Apologies

Maureen Lasisz	Community representative
Silvia Chiera	Community representative
Judith Towler	Community representative
Jodie Hanns	Collie Preston MLA

**2. Previous Meeting**

Notes of the previous meeting were reviewed.

**3. Report Structure and Methodology**

Stuart Devenish led members through the draft report structure. It was explained that following the group discussion at each meeting, Shire administration would develop the information into draft content for the report to be reviewed by the group. There was general agreement to the report structure and approach.

Contributions from participants:

### Item 2 – Benefits of an Indoor Pool

- Recreation and Sports
  - Fitness– lap swimmers
  - Aerobics
  - Learn to swim and swim schools - children and adults
  - Kids parties – social activities
  - Clubs – other fitness (i.e. football training for fitness)
- Health/Fitness/Wellbeing
  - Social interaction - place to meet
  - Rehabilitation – sport or other injury
  - Aged persons – social and physical health benefits
  - Physiotherapy
- Education
  - School use for sporting activities (not just swimming lessons).
- Other
  - Tourism – visitors to town
- Public Safety

### Actions:

- Shire administration to draft from input from Working Group, public submissions and 2018 report.

### Item 3 - Pool Specifications

- Length -25m preferred by all present.
- Depth
  - 1.2m to 1.8m preferred for lap swimming and swimming events (allow for turn at ends).
  - 1.2m too deep for some people.
  - Standard for under water hockey is 25 x 20 - with 2m depth – this is not being requested.
- Width (number of lanes)
  - Ideal 6 lanes, allow short course events to be held in winter.
  - If less than 6, lap lanes would help for training.
  - Temperature less than that of a program pool – 24-26 degrees.
- Program pool
  - Less depth than the lap pool
  - Warmer for therapy
  - Preferred size 9m x 5m

### Consensus – Aspirations

Depth: 1.2 to 1.8

Length: 25m – 6 lanes

Program pool 9m x 5m

### Noted:

- Old entry area is used by swim school and under water hockey store.
- Likely that up to two short course swim regional events would be held each year if the pool had six lanes.
- Everyone understood that this was aspirational and may not be able to be achieved – but initial goal.
- Reference was made to a previous plan for from 2018 that was 3 lanes with program pool. \$3.9m capital cost.
- It was queried whether it is possible to using existing toilets and infrastructure, rather than having to build new facilities.
- Whatever the group determine will need to be resourced including obtaining costs and working out configuration.
- If staff can't calculate costs reasonably, the Shire will need to ask Government for approval to use funding for engaging a quantity surveyor to calculate costs.
- Once the figures are calculated, the group will look at the ratios and what the Shire can afford.
- Radio station – future not decided. Could be used as car park or pool space.

### Actions:

- Estimate of cost to be provided to next meeting. No engagement of consultants at this stage i.e. staff will calculate estimates based on best understanding.
- Configuration options to be provided to next meeting.

#### **4. Other Business**

Nil.

#### **5. Closure and Next Meeting**

Meeting closed at 4:54 pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2 November, commencing at 4pm.