



Shire of
Collie

INDOOR POOL PROJECT WORKING GROUP

Report

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Executive Summary

This report has been prepared by the Shire of Collie Indoor Pool Working Group, a Group established by the Shire to identify the optimal indoor pool specification for Collie whilst having consideration for the financial impacts of an additional public swimming pool.

The Working Group members are:

Cr Joe Italiano	Chairperson and Shire of Collie Elected Member
Cr Michelle Smith	Shire of Collie Elected Member
Stuart Devenish	Shire of Collie Chief Executive Officer
Jodie Hanns	Collie Preston MLA
Beth Peters	Collie Heated Indoor Pool Supporters (CHIPS)
Ann Briggs	Collie Kids in Need
Scott Digney	Underwater Hockey
Rod Latham	Collie Swimming Club
Silvia Chiera	Community representative
Maureen Lasisz	Community representative
Judith Towler	Community representative
Pamela Anderson	Community representative

Members were appointed by Council in July 2022, following direct invitation to stakeholders and by local public notice. The Group has been guided by a Terms of Reference which is included as an appendix to this report. The report represents the conclusion of the Group's role.

The Group has identified that the optimal indoor pool facility for Collie would include a 25m, 6-lane pool, and a 9m x 5m program pool. The benefits have been clearly outlined and the potential use demonstrated.

The estimated construction cost of the facility is \$7.67m which, some members of the Group believe, can be funded through external sources without the requirement for the Shire to raise funds. Those members also considered the ongoing annual operating costs can be met through-rates.

The report outlines the Shire of Collie and the community's previous considerations for an indoor heated pool, the details and costing methods used for the proposed optimal pool and makes recommendation for Council consideration.

1. Context/Background

Proposals for an indoor pool for Collie has been given considerable attention by the Council. In June 2016, the Council considered and endorsed a site plan with a footprint for a future 25m indoor heated lap pool. This was followed by a State Government election commitment of \$2M to develop a 25m, 6-lane pool. Various studies followed, including a needs assessment and feasibility study report that was received by Council in December 2018.

Taking into account public comment and the cost liabilities associated with an indoor pool, Council resolved in March 2019 not to proceed with an indoor pool at that time. This decision was reiterated by Council resolution in June 2019. Later in March 2020, Council resolved to consider a hydrotherapy pool, and then in April 2020 to consider the construction of an indoor warm water program pool with addition of office space and storage for the Collie Swimming Club.

Council appointed consultants to prepare detailed design documentation for an indoor warm water program pool in July 2020, and subsequently endorsed the detailed design documentation in November 2020. Noting the prohibitive costs in constructing and operating a pool, Council resolved in July 2021 to seek the Governments support to reallocate the initial grant funding to other projects in Collie. This decision was followed by a resolution in October 2021 to not proceed with the construction of an indoor warm water program pool at that time, but to ensure any future development at the site allows for future options for a further pool.

In February 2022, Council received a petition from the community in support of an indoor pool and a public meeting was subsequently held in March 2022 to discuss the matter. In response to the call from petitioners, an Indoor Pool Project Working Group was formed with community members invited to assist Council's review of the project. The Working Group has subsequently addressed the Terms of Reference as adopted by Council in June 2022.

2. **Benefits of an Indoor Pool**

Swimming/water based activity is the only activity that is accessible to the full age range, from babies to the elderly. It also encompasses all physical, mental and intellectual capabilities, and social advantage – with the major cost being a suitable outfit and admittance fee. It requires no previous experience or special equipment.

Swimming is great exercise whether swimming laps, water aerobics **or walking to improve circulation**. A heated pool can be used for more months of the year and for additional activities such as rehabilitation.

Exercising in warm water is the preferred method of improving mobility, strength and endurance in people with a wide range of conditions including, but not limited to, arthritis, osteoporosis, chronic pain, joint injuries, spinal injuries and elevated blood pressure. Health benefits of a heated pool have been well documented in the past, warm water helps your circulatory system by promoting blood flow while in the water. It relaxes muscles and joints allowing more free movement within the warm water. For many arthritis sufferers swimming in warm water is proven to reduce pain in joints and back.

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For a significant number of people within our community Swimming/water-based activity is the only possible exercise. Think of people confined to wheelchairs and with other mobility issues, those with oedema, arthritis, balance issues, brain injuries, asthma, COPD and respiratory problems.

Swimming uses almost all the muscles in your body. It's a resistance exercise that builds muscle and strength for the whole body. When in water, your body automatically becomes lighter, so you do not have the pressure on your joints like other activities such as running. People can exercise longer in water than on land without increased effort or joint or muscle pain.

Water based therapy is also shown to greatly increase the speed of recovery from major surgeries and injury, being that treatment can begin much sooner.

Research demonstrates that two and a half hours per week of aerobic physical activity, such as swimming can decrease the risk of chronic illnesses. This can lead to improved health for people with diabetes and heart disease. ***Collie has a statistically greater aging population than the rest of the state and with that comes increased risks of chronic health issues.***

Wellbeing

The hydrostatic pressure of water can have a soothing and calming effect on people with sensory **and mental health** issues. Participating in aquatic activities in a heated pool can be less stressful and when physical exercise is not of an intensity to increase body temperature, warm water enables people with special needs, and their carers, to be able to stay in the water for longer.

Physical activity in later years of life is essential to promote a healthy ageing process and independent functioning. Swimming has been shown to help prevent or manage many chronic diseases, as well as improving overall physiological and psychological health.

A heated pool also provides additional opportunities for maintaining fitness, learning to swim, and participation in leisure, exercise and sporting opportunities. For working community members, extended evening hours can allow for greater use of the pool. Swimming lessons (learn-to-swim) can be provided all year round in controlled conditions. Those that swim or participate in water activities will be able to maintain their fitness **year round**.

Education

Children who learn to swim at a young age have been shown to reach many developmental milestones earlier than the normal population. As well as achieving physical milestones faster children can also improve their visual-motor skills and mathematical related tasks by swimming.

By having access to a year-round pool, schools would have the opportunity to schedule their swim programs and other physical education activities in a more efficient manner other than just in the warmer months. It would also provide schools with another winter activity to engage a larger sector of the school population.

The Royal Lifesaving Association tells us that 53% of Australians cannot swim well enough to ensure their own safety.

Other

The ability to access a heated indoor pool within our community would be advantageous for all the above conditions also promoting a more active independent lifestyle for all residents.

For the swimming and under water hockey club an indoor facility would provide opportunities for year-round training and potentially competitions. Schools and other sporting clubs would also have the potential to diversify their programs and training to incorporate the use of the pool.

A heated pool will also provide economic benefits to Collie. People from out of town who use other facilities such as the Trails and Lakes could use the pool as an extra 'wind down' and recovery after strenuous exercise. Once 'back in town' they would be more likely to support local businesses. Local employment would be supported through the engagement of pool staff and the delivery of activities such as swimming lessons and fitness classes.

Currently many residents travel to access heated indoor pools in other towns, however many residents that would benefit from this facility do not have the **physical** ability or **finances** to travel, **creating another level of disadvantage within our community.**

In summary, a year-round enclosed **heated** pool provides a much wider range of possibilities and opportunities **for health and wellbeing to a far greater proportion of the population than any other facility or activity.**

It ticks many of the boxes of the Shire’s Public Health Action Plan including providing a supported community with strong services and economy for everyone. A heated pool will be useful in curbing the rise in overweight and obesity issues, optimise mental health outcomes and engage the community into being more active.

The survey has shown that the number of groups that would use the pool is very diverse, from Southwest Aboriginal Medical Services, Anglicare, Smith Family, Physio Southwest, Schools, Sporting and community groups.

3. Use

A survey of user groups and service providers undertaken by the Group identified strong support from respondents and demonstrated that an indoor heated pool would be well utilised.

A total of 28 responses were received to the survey from schools, local clubs, medical providers, and support services. It is noted that 26 of the 28 indicated that their players, students, members and clients would use the pool at least weekly, with a number indicating that they would use the pool multiple times each week. These survey results are included at Appendix 2 to this report and the group strongly encourages all councillors to take the time to read the comments of the groups who participated in the survey.

4. Pool Specifications

The Working Group identified the following as the optimal specifications for an indoor heated pool.

- Depth: 1.2m to 1.8m
- Length: 25m
- Lanes: 6
- Additional program pool 9m x 5m.

The total building area of 850 m² including:

25m long, 6 lane warm water pool to allow for lap swimming and varying from 1.2m to 1.8m in depth. To include AS 1428.1-2009 disability compliant access ramp and include all DoH statutory features. Includes 1.5m wide concourse.	551m ²
5m x 9m warm water program pool, with depth varying between 1000mm and 1200mm. Includes 1.5m wide concourse.	98m ²
Male and female change rooms with facilities (pans, basins, showers, urinals etc) provided in accordance with NCC/BCA and DoH requirements. Include bench seating and lockers appropriate to maximum calculated occupancy. To be accessed internally via airlocks.	123m ²
Two (2) dedicated disability (wheelchair) compliant UAT’s including showers.	
Office/Meeting room (x1) and storeroom approx	
Swimming Club Office	20m ²
Swimming Club Storeroom	40m ²
Internal circulation space allowance	18m ²

In arriving at these recommended specifications, the Working Group considered the needs of all user groups and individuals. The Collie Swimming Club identified the need for a pool

suitable for lap swimming and swim events, that has six lanes with a length of 25m and depth of 1.2m to 1.8m. These specifications would allow for short course events to be held during winter. The temperature required for swimming laps for fitness and competition should be between 24 and 26 degrees.

The standard required for underwater hockey is 25m x 20m with a depth of 2m. This was not requested for this pool.

A program pool that is warmer and has less depth than the 25m pool is required for exercise, rehabilitation, learning to swim, and recreation use.

Alternative locations and configurations were considered in an effort to make use of existing facilities and reduce the need to construct additional changerooms and offices. On assessment it was found that due to the nature of operations and to enable adherence to guidelines and requirements, a standalone facility would be required. The proposed location is on the southern side of the existing Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool, encompassing the site of the old Child Health Clinic building.

5. Costs

The costs have been broken into initial construction costs and ongoing operating costs, which includes maintenance and renewal.

Construction Costs

Two methodologies were considered for calculating construction costs. One approach includes identifying an indicative cost based on an extrapolation of a detailed costing from a previous smaller pool. The second, and more accurate methodology involves a design sufficient to allow a quantity surveyor to estimate costs. These two options are discussed below.

Option 1 – Estimated Based on Previous Costings

The cost for the 16m x 3 lane pool in September 2020 was \$3.1m.

The current Cordell Construction Index is 3% increase in building costs per quarter. With a predicted construction of 2024 and 15 quarters, the escalation is predicted to be 45%.

	2020 - 3 lane 16m pool			2024 - 6 lane plus program pool		
	sqm	\$ per m ²	Total	sqm	\$ per m ²	Total
Net construction Cost	406	5735.04	\$2,329,000	850	8315.81 (5734.04*145%)	\$7,068,437
Contingency (5%)			\$117,000			\$353,422
Building Act Compliance			\$13,000		increase by 45%	\$18,850
Western power			\$154,437		increase by 45%	\$223,934
			\$2,613,437			\$7,664,642

Cost escalation estimate on 2020 pool 20%

\$3,136,124

The total estimated construction cost is \$7.67m.

It is acknowledged that these cost estimates are indicative only and would be subject to detailed design and quantity surveying to establish a more reliable cost for formal consideration by Council.

Option 2 – Detailed Design

This option, would require a detailed design with a quantity surveyor including:

- Confirming preferred specifications;
- Engage architect to prepare design; and
- Engagement of quantity surveyor to prepare costing report.

To meet the cost of this requirement, an approach would need to be made to the State Government for approval to use the funds.

The Working Group requested that Council approach the State Government for approval to use the previously provided State funding for a new masterplan concept, including architectural scope and quantity surveying. Council deferred the decision until the affordability of capital expenditure was determined.

Operating and Renewal Costs

The total operating and maintenance costs are estimated to be \$630,637 per annum and includes:

Employee costs – supervision and operating	Based on 3,745hrs pa	\$258,394
Employee costs cleaning	2 hours per day	\$32,218
Utilities	Includes heating cost	\$250,000
Insurance	Building	\$12,525
Consumables	Office, chlorine, cleaning	\$27,500
Facility maintenance	Maintenance of building and equipment	\$50,000

Income from user fees is estimated to be \$45,000 (based on 50% of the outdoor pool income), providing a net operating loss of \$585,637.

Additionally, it is proposed that \$150,000 be budgeted annually for asset renewal. The total annual cost to be funded would be \$735, 637.

6. Financial

The capital cost to construct the facility is estimated to be \$7.67m. The balance of State Government funds allocated to the project is \$1.8m. A further \$5.87m is required to proceed with the project as proposed.

Potential funding sources identified by the Working Group include State and Federal Government and industry.

Lotterywest has indicated that capital funding for indoor heated pools have not generally been funded and would be challenging to support under their Community Investment Framework.

It is the view of some members of the Working Group that the additional capital funds can be raised to meet construction costs without the requirement for the Shire to borrow funds. This view was not shared by all members, noting the substantial amount of money involved, the typical need for grant applications to be supported by matching funding, and the inability to achieve corporate contributions for the same purpose in 2019.

It is proposed that the operational costs be funded through an increase to rates. The total projected annual operating cost of \$735,637, represents an increase in rates of 11% or an average of \$171 on a residential property in Collie. If the operating income budget was reduced to enable minimal charges for entrance fees, the average cost per rate assessment would increase i.e., if the revenue was budgeted as \$15,000, rather than \$45,000, the average increase in rates for a residential property would be \$178. A suggestion by members was to increase the average rates by \$200 per property and provide a free individual season pass per property.

It is noted that not all members agreed the community were able to absorb a rate increase for the pool in addition to increases required for other financial liabilities.

The Working Group acknowledges that there the Shire of Collie is also facing other financial difficulties with aging and deteriorating infrastructure and lack of adequate reserve funds and general revenue to meet the necessary renewal costs. This, along with current high inflation, will mean that maintaining rate increases to a reasonable level for existing commitments will be a challenge for the Council.

The Financial Health Indicator (FHI) is a measurement of a local government's overall financial health, with the result calculated from seven financial ratios. A FHI of 70 and above indicates sound financial health. The last published FHI for the Shire of Collie was for the financial year ending 30 June 2021, with a FHI of 48. The additional liability of another facility would result in the deterioration of the Shire's Financial Health Indicator (FHI).

7. Conclusion

The benefits and use of the pool have been clearly demonstrated in this report, and previously during earlier investigations.

The issue is whether the construction of an indoor pool facility and the ongoing operation and renewal is something that the Collie community can afford.

Compromising on the design to reduce the capital cost is not considered an option. A smaller facility would still require a similar level of staffing and would not meet the needs of all user groups.

Whilst there are differing views, the Group overall believes that it will be possible to fund the capital outlay externally, without cost to ratepayers, with only ongoing operational and renewal costs to be funded by the Shire.

Most members of the Working Group are of the view that an impost on ratepayers through an increase in rates of an average of \$175 per annum per assessment is reasonable in return for such a facility that will benefit current and future generations.

Raising the capital for the project will be a significant undertaking and the Working Group proposes that the State Government be requested to hold the current commitment for a further six months whilst the Shire seeks to raise a further \$5.87m.

8. Working Group Recommendation

1) That Council:

- a) Seek the approval of the State Government for the financial commitment for the Collie Indoor Heated Pool to be retained for a further six months to enable additional capital funds to be raised; and
- b) pursues external funding to fully fund the construction of an indoor pool facility at an estimated cost of \$7.67m.

2) That should all the required capital funds be raised, that Council:

- a) proceeds with the construction of an indoor heated pool, including a 25m, 6-lane pool and an additional 9m x 5m program pool on the southern side of the existing Collie Mineworkers Memorial Pool; and
- b) meets ongoing operating, maintenance, and renewal costs for the new indoor heated pool from Shire general revenue with-rates set as necessary to fund the additional cost.



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Appendix 1 – Terms of Reference

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Indoor Pool Project Working Group

1 Purpose

The purpose of the Indoor Pool Working Group is to identify the optimal indoor pool specification for Collie and consider the financial impacts of an additional public swimming pool.

The working group is to conclude with the preparation of a report to Council outlining the findings of its evaluation, providing advice and recommendations for Council's consideration.

2 Scope of Evaluation

The evaluation and concluding report is to address the following considerations:

Pool Specification

Identify the optimal specification for an additional pool, namely pool length, width, depth(s), temperature, functionality and facility.

Capital Cost Expectations

The Group is to review the reliability of current cost estimations, outlining the assumptions utilised for the preferred pool specification. A cost range should be identified for financial modelling purposes.

Operational Revenue and Cost Expectations

The Group is to review operational revenue and costs considerations, assumptions and forecast expectations for financial modelling purposes.

Financial Modelling

The Group is to consider financial models to fund capital and operational costs against the following objectives:

- Identify funding sources that meet capital renewal/operational costs while achieving affordable rate increases; and
- Achieve overall improvement to the Shire Financial Health Indicator (FHI).

3 Membership

The Working Group will have membership as follows:

Members

- Shire of Collie Elected Members X 2 (Elected Member to Chair)
- Chief Executive Officer or delegate, Shire of Collie
- Collie Preston MLA Jodie Hanns or representative
- Collie Heated Indoor Pool Supporters (CHIPS) representative
- Collie Kids in Need representative
- Underwater Hockey representative
- Swimming Club representative
- Other community representatives

Invited Attendees

- State Government representatives

The Chair may invite other parties as may be appropriate to assist the Group in meeting its purpose.

Behavioural standards set out in the *Shire of Collie Code of Conduct for Council Members, Committee Members and Candidates* dated March 2021 apply. The Council may revoke membership where expected standards of conduct are not met.

4 Authority

The Working Group is not a Committee of Council and is not assigned delegated authority. The Group does not have authority to direct the Shire administration or commit Shire resources.

Meeting conduct is coordinated by the Chair, with agreement reached by consensus. Where agreement is not reached, the concluding report is expected to identify the diverging views of members.

Once the concluding report is completed, the report will be referred to a meeting of Council for consideration. The Council is not bound by any recommendations of the report, and may elect to seek further community input or other opinion before making further decisions.

No member of the Working Group is permitted to make public comment on behalf of the Group or the Shire. This does not preclude a member speaking on their own behalf, or on behalf of the group or organisation they may represent.

5 Resources and Assistance

The work of the Group will be supported by the Shire administration as far as is reasonably practicable. This includes:

- Providing secretarial assistance (meeting arrangements, communication with members, preparing records of meetings).
- Providing detailed information and overview of work undertaken to date, and documentation available to inform the Group.
- Assist the drafting of a concluding report.

The Group may identify further tasks to be undertaken through contracted services. In these instances, approval of the grant provider (State Government) to expend funds under the terms of an existing grant is required for the expense to be incurred.

Collaboration with State Government agencies is anticipated, such as:

- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – drawing on the broad experience of the Department with cost assumptions and estimates.
- Department of Treasury – who may be able to assist with long-term financial modelling and financial health assessments.

6 Timing of Meetings

The timing and arrangements for meetings are to be agreed by the Group.



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Appendix 2 – User Group Survey Results

Organisation	Do you think a heated pool as described above would benefit you/your group?	How often would you use the heated pool? E.g.: Once per week, monthly etc.	Members	What would you/your group use the heated pool for?	Further comments
Anglicare Bridges Disability Services	Yes	Our group would use the heated pool 3-4 times a week it would give us the opportunity to roster different participants on different days.	45	Recreation, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery	Anglicare work with a variety of disabilities that would all benefit from being able to use a heated pool for therapies and fitness.
Allanson Primary School	Yes	Extended time frames for swimming lessons, swimming carnival	120	Training, Sport, Swimming/Laps	Extended pool opening would help alleviate the pressure finding adequate swimming instructors. Many Collie schools have had reduced swimming lessons for students over the last few years - in an area where there are lots of dams, creeks and rivers - not good for safety.
Collie Chiropractic	Yes	Weekly	100	Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery	
Collie MTB Club	Yes	Weekly	50	Recreation, Training, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	The Collie MTB Club is a group of fit and active lads and lasses who like getting outdoors and staying fit and healthy. There is some cross over of riders who also take part in multi sport / swimming / running and would like to have the opportunity to use an indoor swimming pool for exercise in the cold winter months.
Chiropractic First	Yes	I would prescribe twice to 3 x weekly water exercise programs for patients.		Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Aerobics, Swimming/Laps, Adults and children who are neurodiverse and/or have functional limitations would also benefit hugely.	Swimming and water based activity is ideal for many people to improve their fitness, health and well being. This in turn leads to a healthier community. Access to this in all seasons is essential to the effectiveness of water based therapy.
Southwest Aboriginal Medical Service	Yes	Once per year	10	Recreation	
Community Home Care	Yes	2-3 Times Weekly	9	Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Aerobics	Currently have a bus of clients who travel weekly to Donnybrook for classes. Clients would benefit from a local heated pool, they could increase attendance and support local.
Collie Swimming Club	Yes	Three to four nights per week	36	Training	
Coalfields Hockey Council	Yes	Fortnightly	250	Training, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery	
Collie Netball Association	Yes	2x per week	130	Training, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	Athletes would be encouraged to attend the pool for fitness and also facilitate recovery training sessions.
Collie River Valley Little Athletics	Yes	1-2 times pw		Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery	
Wilson Park Primary School	No		0	We won't	The pool as it is at present is lovely and has a good reputation. I believe adding another pool at this time will be unsustainable.

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South West Aboriginal Medical Service	Yes	Clients would use once a week if not more		Recreation, Training, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	
Collie Lawn Tennis Club	No	N/A	62	Recreation	
Collie Volleyball Association	Yes	Weekly	30	Recreation, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	Members of the club would appreciate the option to swim in winter as way of keeping fit
(CHIPS) COLLIE HEATED INDOOR POOL SUPPORTERS	Yes	Would be used daily by group	500	Recreation, Training, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Aerobics, Sport, Swimming/Laps, Swimming lessons/health/living longer/people with Chronic breathing issues eg Asthma / people with disabilities	We believe that is well overdue a great need for the people of Collie & surrounding towns as our town has an aging population this would keep people living a longer healthy lives in there homes less need for hospital care. Our children all need to learn to swim as we are surrounded by waterways. Because of our climate they are restricted to short periods of learning & way behind other children who have access to indoor heated pools. As we are moving into tourism an added bonus for tourists to be able to use this much need service especially after doing the bike trails they will stay longer & spend more money in our beautiful town
Collie Italian and Sporting Club Inc	Yes	Once per fortnight	100	Recreation, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Aerobics, Swimming/Laps	As our Club has members of all age groups the social and physical benefits of an indoor pool would be many
Child and Parent Centre Collie Valley	Yes	More than once per week		Recreation, Training, Fitness, Aerobics	The Child and Parent Centre is a community hub for families of children 0-8yrs. Families regularly comment that how much regularly use the outdoor pool. Families share how they have to travel to Donnybrook or Bunbury in the winter to have access to an indoor pool. This can be difficult for families on Centre Link due to the rising cost of living, particularly the cost of fuel.
Jennis House Family Day Care	Yes	Weekly		Recreation, Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	
Collie-Cardiff RSL Sub Branch	Yes	At least twice per week	110	Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Swimming/Laps	An indoor heated pool would allow all year round access for teaching children to swim, rehabilitation hydrotherapy, general fitness for all age groups. It would also be another item to advertise for tourism to our town. The existing pool has a very short operating season due to our local weather.

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Smith Family	Yes	Weekly		Recreation	A heated pool would greatly benefit the whole community not only for recreation but rehab-not everyone can travel to Bunbury to access one
Collie Racing Drivers Association Inc	Yes	Monthly		Fitness, Swimming/Laps	
Physio Group South West	Yes	Weekly	10	Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery	We are the only physiotherapy clinic in Collie. A heated pool would allow us to enhance our treatment for clients who are recovering from major surgery and other injuries. Recovery and rehabilitation is a huge part of what physiotherapy is about and rehabilitation in water is proven to improve and support clients return to everyday function quicker. With access to a heated pool we would be able to continue treatment throughout the year even when the weather gets a bit cooler.
Aqua Splash Swim SCHOOL	Yes	Mon - Thursday		Running babies lessons, plus afternoon lessons, private lessons and special needs lessons	
Collie Kids in Need	Yes	3 to 4 times weekly	50	Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Chronic Respiratory conditions	Very overdue health facility for our community it is needed greatly for the whole community from the very young to educate water safety and the importance of learning to swim. To help make life a little more bearable for residents suffering from chronic diseases ,work related injury, motor vehicle injuries and for our ageing population. Residents suffering any of the above travelling out of town only where possible realise they potentially undo any benefit getting back in their transport to travel back home.
St Brigid's School, Collie	Yes	We use for 2 Swimming Carnivals and swimming lessons 2 week period. Would also potentially use for swimming practice for Interschool carnival.	216	Training, Sport, Swimming/Laps, Swimming Lessons	A heated pool that is open all year round would provide the school with great planning flexibility for carnivals and events.
CWA Collie Branch	Yes	Weekly	14	Fitness, Rehabilitation / Injury Recovery, Aerobics	

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Under Water Hockey Club	Yes	Weekly/fortnight	50	Training, Fitness, Sport, Swimming/Laps	We would not use the pool as we do in summer. Also due to the heated pool not being able to facilitate the number of games we currently run during summer, as dimensions, surface and depth are not ideal (Good for a fun hit out and keeping base fitness + skills throughout winter) We do not have the volunteer capacity to do so. Over time this may change as clubs like Margaret River, Bunbury + Perth play all year. We would run social games weekly or fortnightly depending upon interest. The biggest benefit is that players who can commit to World + National Level Comps can train through winter. (I personally have not travelled for worlds teams when coaches have asked me to - due to no pool availability in winter I would travel to Bunbury + Perth 3x a week for games, so committing to travel to Bunbury on top of that is unrealistic. Collie winter Pool = more Collie based world players.)



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Appendix 3 – Summary of Council Decisions

Date	Ref	Matter	Decision
21 June 2016	7079	Revised Site Plan for Collie Mineworkers Memorial Swimming Pool Site	Endorse the revised Footprint Site Plan of the Collie Mineworkers Memorial Swimming Pool site to reflect the proposed clubrooms for the Collie Swimming Club and a footprint for a future 25m indoor heated lap pool.
11 December 2018	8006	Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for Indoor Heated Swimming Pool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the Indoor Heated Pool Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study; 2. Advertise the Indoor Heated Pool Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study for community and stakeholder comment, and report the results back to Council.
5 March 2019	8065	Comment on Feasibility Study for Indoor Heated Swimming Pool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the comment on the Indoor Heated Pool Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study 2. Do <u>not</u> proceed to develop an indoor heated pool at this point in time.
18 June 2019	8166	Indoor Warm Water Pool	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do <u>not</u> proceed to develop an indoor warm water program pool at this time; 2. Request that the Minister for Sport and Recreation carry forward a portion of the balance of the funding from the election commitment to fund the construction of a community facility including club rooms at the Collie Swimming Pool.

Date	Ref	Matter	Decision
31 March 2020	8410	Community Facility at Collie Mineworkers Memorial Swimming	Defer and bring back to Council with more detail on the project being extended to include a hydrotherapy pool and bring back to the next Council meeting.
21 April 2020	8421	Hydrotherapy Pool/Community Facility/Program Pool	<p><i>That Council request the election commitment be allocated as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. The construction of an indoor warm water program pool as described at Option 2 or similar of the feasibility study;</i> <i>2. The addition of an office and storage space for the Collie Swimming Club on the eastern side (adjacent to the service yard) provided that the cost is fully covered by the available funds from the balance of the election commitment.</i>
14 July 2020	8503	Tender 02/2020 Detailed Design Documentation for an Indoor Warm Water Program Pool Facility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the tenders submitted by Dynamic Aquatics Australia, H+H Architects; APOD Pty Ltd and Hodge Collard Preston Pty Ltd; and 2. Award the tender to APOD Pty Ltd for the Detailed design documentation for an Indoor Warm Water Program Pool Facility in the amount of \$104,400 ex GST.
17 November 2020	8612	Indoor Warm Water Program Pool Facility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the detailed design documentation for the indoor warm water program pool and swimming club officer and storage space 2. Authorise staff to call for tenders for the construction of the indoor warm water program pool, with the swimming club office and storage space as a separable portion. 3. Note that the construction of the indoor warm water program pool will require the installation of an electrical sub-station on the site to be included in the cost of the project.
13 July 2021	8774	Indoor Warm Water Program Pool Facility	<p>That Council liaise with Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries around criteria to potentially repurpose the funding allocated to the indoor pool to other local project(s) and report back to Council.</p>

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12 October 2021	8832	Indoor Pool Consideration of Request for Repurposing of Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Resolve to <u>not proceed</u> with the construction of an indoor warm water program pool at this time; 2. Ensure any development of the site allows for the future development of an indoor warm water pool; 3. Request approval from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the funding to be repurposed to the following projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting at the Collie Soccer grounds; • Improved female change room and toilet facilities at the Collie Recreation Ground; • Club rooms for the Collie Swimming Club; 4. Submit proposed projects and estimated costs to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries; and 5. Write to the Minister and the Local Member outlining the reason for not proceeding with the intended project and seeking consideration and support for funding to be allocated to the identified projects.
8 February 2022	8925	Receipt of Petition	Council received a petition from the Collie Heated Indoor Pool Supporters.
14 June 2022	9005	Indoor Pool Proposal Review	Resolved to endorse the terms of a Indoor Pool Project Working Group, nominate Councilor representatives on the group and call for public nominations.
9 August 2022	9043	Indoor Pool Project Working Group – Community Member	Resolved to accept the nominations as community representatives on the Working Group.
13 December 2022	9110	Indoor Pool – Concept Design and Costing	Resolved to defer making a request of the Local Member for the State Government to utilize further grant funds for design and costing work.

