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Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Contract Signed with Hutchinson Builders

Work to repair and reopen the Glenorchy War Memorial will start soon following the signing of a contract with Hutchinson Builders to undertake the work.

Glenorchy Mayor Sue Hickey said she knew many people in the community would be excited that the work could now proceed.

“Importantly, this contract not only ensures the pool can be reopened, as promised, but allows for a significant refurbishment to what is an important community facility.

“As well as repairing and repainting the pool and installing new expansion joints, a new gas-boosted solar heating system will be installed.

“In addition to this, new chemical delivery infrastructure will be installed, along with a new switchboard and plantroom repairs to help us run the pool safely and more efficiently.

“Pool users will benefit from an upgrade to the amenities area and changerooms, as well as the installation of an accessibility ramp into the main pool and a fully accessible ‘changing places’ facility including hoist.

“The project will also see the removal of the waterslide, which is no longer safe for use. That area will be rehabilitated, and pavement repairs will be made to the pool surrounds.

“Glenorchy will have a community pool re-opened and refurbished, delivering safe and accessible water-based recreation.”

Mayor Hickey said the State Government was contributing \$5 million to the project, which is expected to be completed by the middle of next year.

“I know many people, me included, desperately wanted this project finished in time for this coming summer. Unfortunately, it wasn’t until we could test the market through a formal tender process that the repair timelines could be properly evaluated. Ultimately, we want this repair and refurbishment to be done properly, and I believe not only that that’s what our community deserves, but we have the right contractor to deliver the project to the highest standards,” she said.

Mayor Hickey said the council would continue advocating for funding to redevelop the pool facility in the longer term.

“The people of Glenorchy told us they wanted us to fix the pool, but also to get on with planning for its eventual replacement, and that’s what we’re doing.

“We’ve developed a business case, and I’ll continue raising this with every federal politician every time I see them to make sure that a community pool remains a feature in Glenorchy for generations to come.”

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