



Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Redevelopment

The Ask

Glenorchy City Council is seeking funding to redevelop the Glenorchy War Memorial Pool into a state-of-the-art regional aquatic facility.

Impact of Funding

The project will not progress without funding support.

Key Facts



Funding sought:
\$83.8 Million

Full business case
is available at
gcc.tas.gov.au



Why It's Important

The Glenorchy War Memorial Pool has been a cherished community asset for over 60 years, providing recreational opportunities and honouring local servicemen and women. Following its closure in July 2023 due to significant structural issues, the Glenorchy City Council is pursuing the redevelopment of the site to meet the growing needs of the local and Greater Hobart communities.

A \$200,000 State Government grant funded feasibility study and business case, and the results

of a 2024 elector poll confirmed community support for redeveloping the pool at its current location. The redevelopment aims to transform the facility into a sustainable aquatic hub that delivers year-round regional health, social, and economic benefits.

This investment will preserve the historical significance of the site while addressing critical community needs, ensuring Glenorchy and the Greater Hobart region has a world-class aquatic facility that fosters health, economic development, and social connection for generations to come.



Project Details

The proposed facility will feature outdoor amenities, including a 50-meter pool, grandstand-style spectator area for 700, a splash pad, slides, picnic areas, and accessible change facilities, alongside year-round indoor amenities such as a 25-meter lap pool, a warm learn-to-swim pool, toddler pool, wellness facilities (spa, sauna, steam room), a 1,500-square-metre gym, and support spaces like a crèche, café, and retail outlets.

Project Impact

Health and Safety

Promoting water safety education, reducing drowning risks, and improving physical and mental well-being. Providing essential therapy and future opportunities for people living with disability, along with improving rehabilitation and health benefits.

Social Impact

Strengthening community identity across the Greater Hobart region, fostering engagement, and supporting inclusivity across all demographics, including multicultural groups.



Economic Growth

Creating local jobs, supporting local businesses, and contributing to the generation of \$2.5 billion annually in health and social benefits¹.

Sustainability and Utilisation

High utilisation rates and an estimated annual revenue of \$3.8 million with a strong business case, net economic benefit of \$7.1 million, and a benefit-cost ratio (BCR) of 1.07².

¹ The Social, Health and Economic Value of the Australian National Aquatic Industry, PwC July 2021

² Glenorchy War Memorial Pool Final Business Case, MI Global Partners December

Regional Significance

Strong community support with 93% (20 000) of respondents to a 2024 elector poll supporting the plan for a long-term redevelopment. Lack of significant investment in pool infrastructure in Greater Hobart (29 years), since 1996 means that existing facilities at Clarence and Hobart are ageing. With such facilities typically having lifespans of 40 years, investment is urgently needed.