

Southern Gold Coast lifestyle destination taking shape

Works on the concrete basement parking and inground services are underway at the new Palm Beach Aquatic and Community Centre as the suburb marks its 100th birthday.

Badge Constructions will finish the concrete basement slabs over seven pours through to early April. Install of underground services for the new pools are also underway with the pool shell structures to commence soon.

As concrete structure works continue for the coming months, truck deliveries to and from the site will increase along with the number of workers. Between 50-60 workers will be on site during upcoming works to pour the suspended concrete deck and commence pool halls.

The redevelopment will renew the existing facilities with larger warm water program and learn to swim pools, fitness centre and add a 25-metre heated outdoor pool. It will include a whole new and much needed community centre with multipurpose hall, meeting rooms, a dance studio, creche and new café. The new 25-metre pool is jointly funded by the Queensland Government's Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program in association with the City of Gold Coast.

Due to reopen in mid 2024, the integrated lifestyle destination is part of a bigger picture to increase supply and access to aquatic, fitness and community centre facilities throughout the City.

Construction statistics:

- More than 380 piles up to 30 metres deep have been installed with the purpose to underpin and support the building.
- More than 300 concrete trucks will deliver 2094 cubic metres of concrete to form the basement undercover carparking level.
- A total of 135 tonnes of steel reinforcement has been laid.
- The project is providing employment for 363 Gold Coast based workers.
- 49 of the suppliers are from South East Queensland.



Mayor Tom Tate with Councillor Daphne McDonald and Councillor Gail O'Neill at a recent site inspection to view construction progress.

Revealed - new concept design images of Palm Beach Aquatic and Community Centre





The new pool hall showing the learn-to-swim pool

Community Centre foyer

| Construction activity | Impacts |
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| March to April 2023 | Columns and concrete slabs poured. Retaining walls erected. |
| Major concrete pours for basement. | Pump wells and underground services installed. |
| | Concrete trucks moving frequently to and from the site. |
| | Heavy construction activity. |
| | New pool hydraulic works commence. |
| April to June 2023 | Suspended podium deck concrete pours. |
| Suspended deck. | Heavy construction activity. |
| | Deliveries of structural steel. |
| | Frequent heavy vehicle movements. |
| May to July 2023 | Pool construction commences – underground services and pool shell structures. |
| Pool shells. | Backfilling to basement area. |
| | Significant increase in manpower on site. |
| | Heavy construction activity. |

Safety around heavy vehicles

The frequency of heavy vehicle movements to and from the site will increase during this period. Badge Constructions will manage traffic and pedestrian movements during peak school drop-off and pick-up times. Motorists and pedestrians are reminded to be alert and take extra care when moving through the area.

The pedestrian path is maintained along Thrower Drive to provide access at all times. The boat ramp will remain open throughout construction.

Please slow down, follow traffic control instructions and take extra care when travelling through the area.

The City appreciates your patience during construction.

Site security

On-site security, including CCTV security coverage through the City's network, will be maintained throughout the project.

Register for updates

Stay informed of progress on the new centre which is due to reopen in mid 2024. Subscribe to updates at cityofgoldcoast.com.au/pbacc

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