

# PALM BEACH AQUATIC & COMMUNITY CENTRE redevelopment

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**  
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## Work to commence soon on new southern Gold Coast centre

*Palm Beach Aquatic Centre has entered a new chapter to transform it into an integrated aquatic, fitness and community centre.*

Occupying the site off Thrower Drive and bounded by Palm Beach Currumbin State High School and Beree-Badalla Reserve, the redevelopment will provide modern facilities to meet the needs of the southern Gold Coast community for the next 50 years.

Due to reopen in early 2024, the Palm Beach Aquatic and Community Centre redevelopment is part of a bigger picture to increase supply and access to aquatic and community facilities.

The plans are indicative of the City's long term commitment to invest heavily in infrastructure and provide world class facilities for our residents and visitors.

The new design will inject fresh life into the precinct, with subtropical design elements to reflect the culture, climate and character of the southern Gold Coast. A major new inclusion is a contemporary community centre with multipurpose hall and breakout area, flexible spaces and a dance studio.

New pools include an outdoor 25-metre pool, pool hall with learn to swim and warm water program pools and a landscaped podium with water play. Other facilities are a fitness centre, centrally located café and creché.

### Changes are happening, please take care

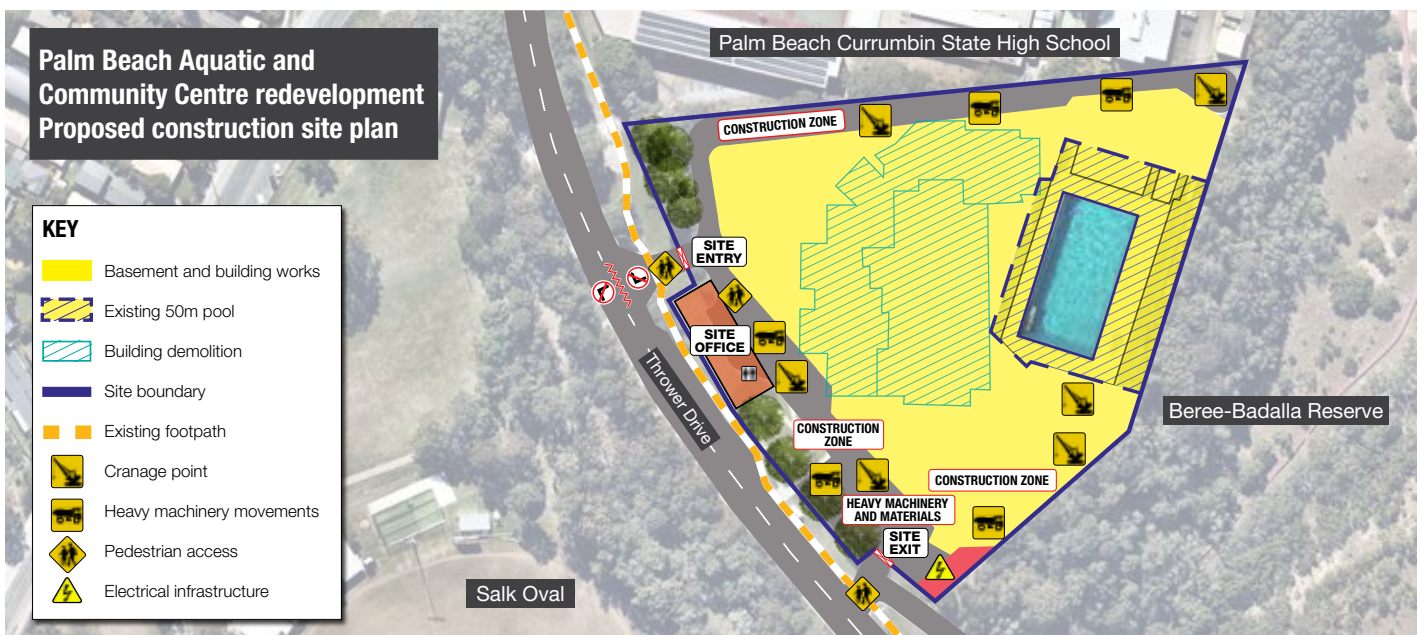
The entire 2.2-hectare site will be closed for the duration of construction for safety reasons.

Managing contractor Badge Constructions will be responsible for safety on the site and will manage access accordingly.

The contractor will undertake detailed site investigations in preparation for demolition. Work activities will commence soon after. These will include establishing temporary services connections.

This will be a complex construction site with significant earthworks, cranes, circulation and storage constraints, heavy machinery and noise.

Please be aware that there will be traffic controls and construction activities. Be alert and take extra care when moving through the area.



## Construction activities

Activity	Impacts
<b>May to June 2022</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install site fencing (secure the site)</li> <li>Establish traffic management strategy</li> <li>Establish environmental controls</li> <li>Install tree protection and undertake vegetation management works</li> <li>Set-up builders site sheds and temporary services connections</li> </ul>	The site will be closed and there will be no public access via the site to Palm Beach Currumbin State High School or the Palm Beach Farmers' Market.
<b>July to August 2022</b> Demolition	Heavy construction activity. Frequent heavy vehicle movements. Noise, dust, building debris, overhead crane works, vibration and water spray for dust suppression.
<b>August to September 2022</b> Bulk earthworks to create basement car parking	Heavy construction activity. Frequent heavy vehicle movements. Noise, dust, vibration and water spray for dust suppression.
<b>October 2022</b> Main construction commences Piling	Standard construction activity. Overhead crane works. Further information on activities will be provided closer to the date.

## Construction impacts

The construction methodology has been selected to minimise impacts to the adjacent Palm Beach Currumbin State High School and nearby residents and businesses. However, with any major construction involving demolition, excavation and piling activity, there will be some impacts.

What to expect during early works:

- Increase to traffic, including construction vehicles.
- Temporary traffic changes, including traffic control when required.
- Noise and dust (water spraying will suppress dust during construction).
- Large earthmoving machinery and overhead crane works near construction site boundaries.
- Demolition, excavation and piling with noise impacts.
- Frequent heavy construction vehicle access off Thrower Drive and rumble grids at the boundary.
- Oversized vehicles and materials delivery.
- Flashing lights and reversing alarms for worker safety.

## Work hours

Construction activity will occur Monday to Saturday, between 6am and 6pm. Advance notice will be given if any works are required outside these hours.

## Parking and access

There will be one entry and one exit to the construction site from Thrower Drive. The pedestrian path will be maintained along Thrower Drive to provide access to the school and weekly markets. 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 early 2024. Subscribe to updates at [cityofgoldcoast.com.au/pbacc](http://cityofgoldcoast.com.au/pbacc)

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