

## WHAT IS REQUIRED

Additional funding of \$30m is required by 2023/2024 in order to deliver all major components of the Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre.

## BACKGROUND

The need for a regional aquatic facility was initially identified in the 2011 Northern Corridor Community Facilities Plan (updated in 2020) with an implementation date of 2042-2046. However following consultation with the community it is clear that a facility for the northern coastal growth corridor is required much sooner. In February 2018, the project was presented to Council who supported the need for:

- The early provision of an indoor aquatic and recreation centre in the Alkimos/Yanchep corridor; and
- Undertaking investigations of opportunities for the City to work with the education sector (and potentially other parties) to facilitate shared use of aquatic facilities planned for the northern coastal growth corridor in the future. (City of Wanneroo Council Minutes MN01-02/18. 6 February 2018)

Council also endorsed the addition of the now named Alkimos Aquatic and Recreation Centre to the formal advocacy agenda.

## KEY ISSUES

- Lack of an aquatic and recreational facility in the northern coastal growth corridor to provide a range of health, recreational and sporting opportunities for residents. Currently the City has one public aquatic facility for its residents, which is not easily accessible to this growing population.
- Projected population growth for the region, in particular the number of school age children being accommodated in a number of new primary and high schools. The Department of Education expects 28 primary schools and 7 high schools ultimately to be built between Alkimos and Two Rocks, with

three new schools to open between 2021 and 2023. The State Government investment planned for new schools announced in the 2020 Budget includes:

- A second stage costing \$13.7m for Yanchep District High School
- Yanchep Rise Primary School \$17.3m
- \$15m upgrade for Yanchep Lagoon Primary School

Given that new schools do not include swimming facilities in their establishment, the demand for access for water sports, water safety and recreational use will escalate and these facilities will need to be delivered by the City in collaboration with State and Federal agencies.

- Aquatic event attraction resulting in economic uplift and sport development opportunities to the region will only be possible with appropriate facilities

## CURRENT PROJECT STATUS

A North Coast Aquatic and Recreation Centre Needs and Feasibility Study, completed in 2019 and endorsed by Council at its 10 February Ordinary Council Meeting, identified the need to establish an aquatic and recreation facility in the Northern Corridor. Council resolved to support the report's recommendations, which included the development of a Business Case.

At its 28 July 2020, meeting Council endorsed the North Coast Aquatic and Recreation Centre Business Case and its preferred location at the Alkimos Centre near the new railway station.

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| <b>2019</b>      | Feasibility assessment completed   |
| <b>Feb 2020</b>  | Council endorsed the North Coast Aquatic and Recreation Centre Needs and Feasibility Study and resolved to support the recommendations including the development of a business case. |
| <b>July 2020</b> | Council endorsed the Business Case and a preferred location for the Aquatic Centre.  |

## EXPECTED PROJECT COSTS

It is anticipated that the project will have the following stages:

STAGE	ESTIMATED TIME FRAME	ESTIMATED COST
0 Planning	2020/21	\$150,000
1 Land acquisition	2021 - 2022	\$3.3m
2 Design and documentation	2022 - 2023	\$1.9m
3 Construction (subject to securing additional funding for stronger alignment to the adopted Project Scope to Needs and Feasibility Study and Business Case)	2023 - 2025	\$50m
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$55M</b>

## FUNDING STATUS

The City has received the following funding commitments, totalling \$15m:

2020 - \$5m Federal Government

2020 - \$10m WA State Government

2020 – Potential Developer Contribution Funding (Non aquatic infrastructure) \$10m

**Additional Funding Required - \$30m**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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