

Palmerston North City Council Aquatic Recreation Needs Assessment

Elected Members' Briefing

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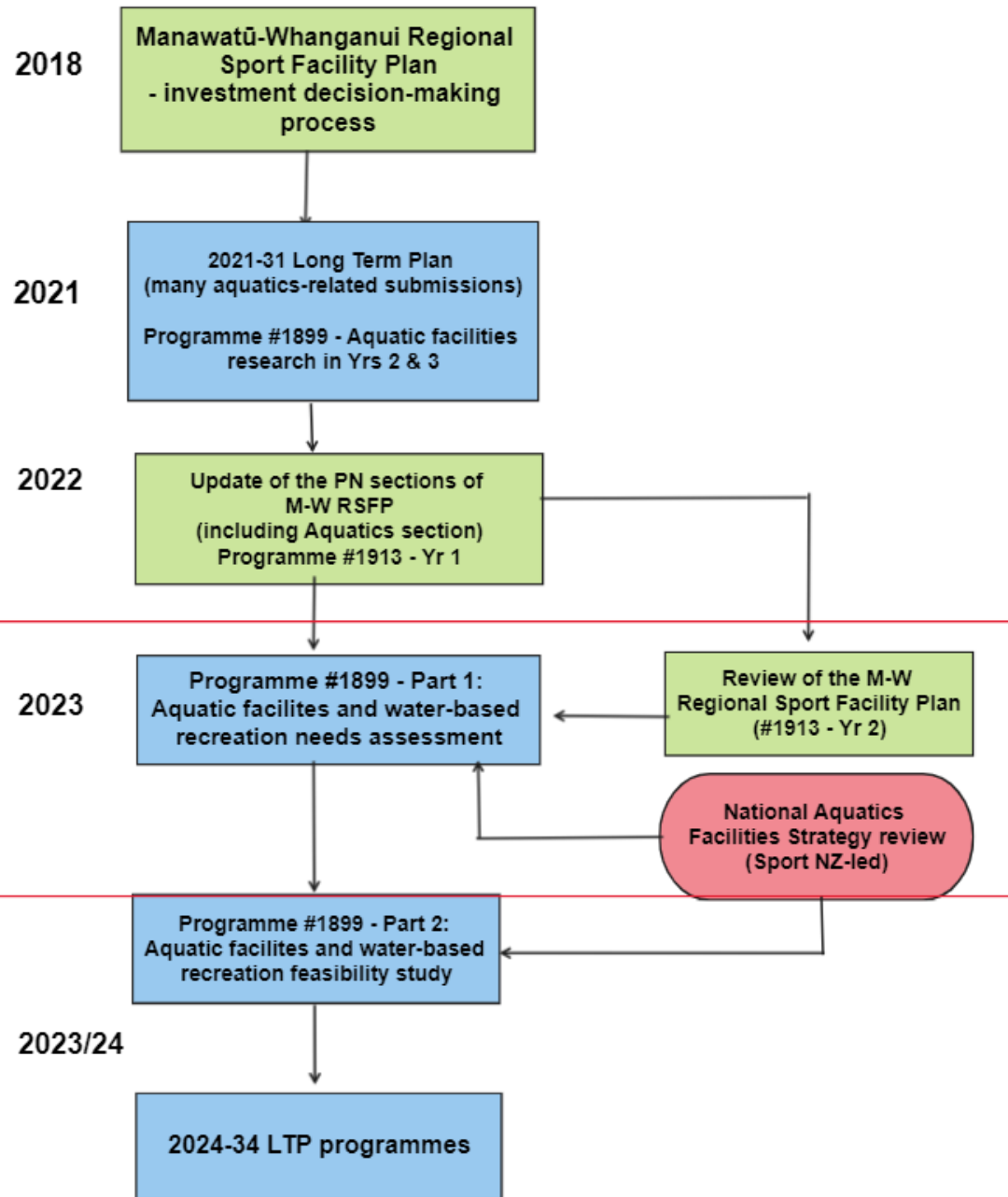


Background



We are completing a needs assessment of aquatic recreation facilities to understand future requirements, and to examine broader water-based recreation needs for the City (LTP programme 1899 in 2022/23 & 2023/24).

Recreation Sport and Leisure Consultancy (RSL) represented by Richard Lindsay, and smartz represented by Brendon Rope and Pip Mackay, have been engaged to complete this project.



Where we are now



Update to the City sections of the RSFP (2022) – priority facility developments



- Review the City's aquatics network including:
 - Factoring in outcomes of the National Aquatic Facilities Strategy review
 - Covering the outdoor 50m pool at the Lido Aquatic Centre for winter use
 - Investigating additional permanent pool space for Palmerston North, in particular:
 - Lane pool (min. 2m depth)
 - Warm water pool (hydrotherapy)
 - Additional leisure pool space

What is the purpose of the work?



- To determine what types of changes Council needs to make in the future to serve the City's aquatic and water-based recreation needs.
- To determine when additional capacity is required and provide a timetable and cost estimates for future capital works programming.

To provide opportunities in Palmerston North for everyone to enjoy aquatic activities safely and equitably.

What's included?



- Aquatic recreation facilities include “built assets” that are required for aquatic recreational pursuits
- Swimming pools
 - Council facilities,
 - School pools, and
 - Facilities provided by others e.g. Linton Military Camp Pool
- Facilities related to natural bodies of water
 - Hoko-whitu Lagoon
 - Manawatū River and tributaries

Needs assessment stages



- Stages of the review

- Discovery

- Network inventory
 - Stakeholder engagement (surveys, interviews, site visits and workshops)
 - Aquatic facility & water-based recreation trends

← Where we are now

- Analysis

- Supply / Demand analysis (gaps/over supply)
 - Options assessment

- Report

- Recommended approach over time

Project team's approach



- Reflective in our discovery, testing our understanding and ideas
 - Right level of enquiry
 - Wide range of engagement to confirm understanding
- Robust in our gap analysis
 - Developing a place-based framework
 - Guided by National Aquatics Facilities Strategy
- A well-considered needs assessment report
 - A network-approach requires a network of delivery
 - Requires champions and partnerships

Team's framework of thinking



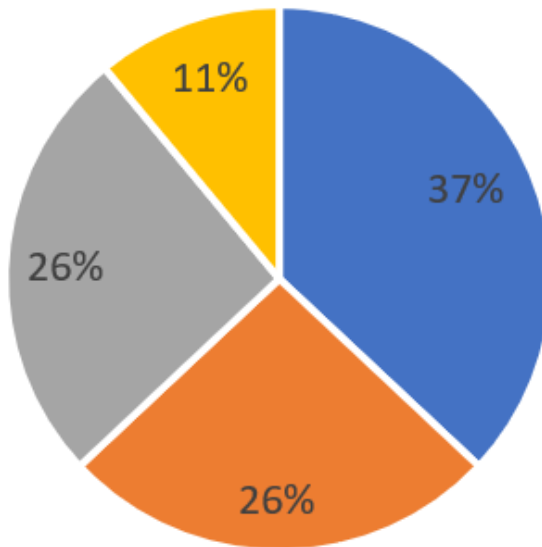
These considerations will help inform our analysis:

Pool requirements	Community requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Temperature- Depth- Size- Associated features (changing room facilities, accessibility design/equipment, parking etc.)- Maintenance and operation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Safety- Types of activity- Access and opportunity- Usability and increased engagement- Affordability- Equity- Health and well-being
Sustainability requirements	Strategic requirements
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Climate action- Sustainable cities and communities- Responsible consumption and production- Whole-of-life cost approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Enable and optimise the current network first- Foster partnerships and involvement- Social Return on Investment- Future growth potential- PNCC's goals

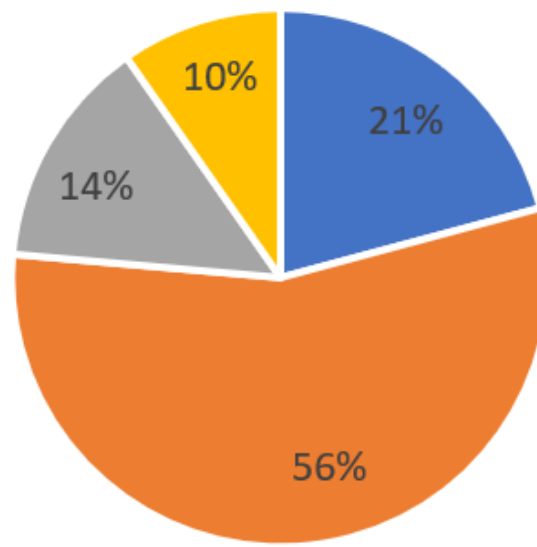
Community aquatic requirements



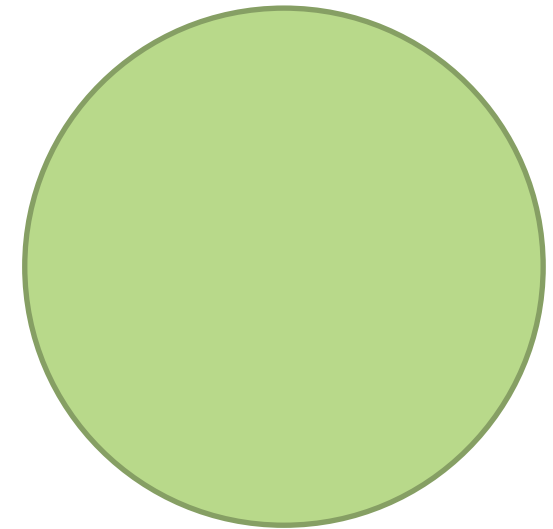
Example A



Example B



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- Learn / education
- Health/Fitness
- Leisure/ play
- Sport

Community aquatic requirements



- The type of use of pools is heavily influenced by water temperature.
- The discovery phase will provide the Palmerston North aquatic needs context.

Water Temp.	Purpose	Examples
Warmer	Relaxation	Spas and saunas
	Hydrotherapy	Therapy pools
	Learn / education	Swim schools
	Fitness/ health	Lane pools
	Leisure/ play	Splash pads/hydro slides
Cooler	Sport	Training/competition pools

Recent aquatic projects – capital costs



- Stratford 25m community facility \$20m
 - Hawke's Bay 50m sport performance and event facility \$32m
 - Kiwa Pools (Tairāwhiti Gisborne) 50m community facility \$42m
 - Rotorua Aquatic Centre redevelopment – 3 stages:
 - Stage 1: refurbishment of 50m outdoor pool - \$3.9m
 - Stage 2: main pool hall and front-of-house (est \$23.45m)
 - Stage 3: upgrades to leisure attractions
- ★ On-going operational costs (rule of thumb is 70-80% of whole of life costs)

Feedback sought



- Now, we would like to open up a discussion with you to consider aquatic and water-based recreation facilities.
- There is a survey with questions that you can complete after today if you wish to provide further thought.
- We will collate the responses and reflect this summary back to you for further comment.



What does your community value about aquatic and water-based recreation facilities in Palmerston North?

- Trends
- Challenges
- Opportunities

Further comment or insights can be shared via this survey link before 31 May 2023: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PNCCAqNeedsEMs>

Next steps



- Complete our engagement and discovery phase
- Finalise our stocktake of facilities and collate stakeholder feedback
- Identify gaps and/or over-supply, analysis based on trends, demographics and aquatic goals
- Develop options and solutions
- Determine a preferred approach with high level costing and timeframes

Thank you



Themes will be shared with you and the other stakeholders engaged to ensure the breadth of needs have been reflected.

Thank you for your time to contribute to the Aquatic Recreation Needs Assessment for the City.

We look forward to receiving further survey responses.