

Work begins on Aquatic Centre extension

Work is beginning on Monday to the extension to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

The Council has appointed Armitage Williams Construction Limited as the contractor to carry out the extension and refurbishment of the existing pool and work will begin on Monday 23 September.

The new 10-lane, 25-metre pool will more than double the current lane capacity at the aquatic centre and accommodate increasing demand from aquafitness, casual swimming, deep water and other activities.

There will also be additional changing rooms, including five new family changing rooms, along with extra foyer and administration space and the option for a possible café in the future.

The new pool extension is expected to be completed and open to the public in late 2020. The total cost of the project will be \$13.8 million.

The work will be completed in stages to minimise disruption to pool users. From Monday, traffic management will be in place along Broadlands Drive when required to allow truck access in and out of the site.

Council Aquatic Facilities manager James Richmond says the pool extension will meet growing demand at the popular centre.

"The aquatic centre is one of the most popular destinations in the district with people taking more than 380,000 swims here every year. We know people's number one wish was for more lane space and extra learn to swim capacity, so we're excited to be starting on that and looking forward to a fantastic pool at the end that will serve everyone in district."

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