

MEDIA RELEASE

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HAVE YOUR SAY: Huon Valley Council Aquatic Facilities Review

Community engagement is now open on the Port Huon Sports and Aquatic Centre and the Huonville Swimming Pool and council invites everyone to have a say.

We will learn from our community how council can develop and improve the programs and services delivered at the aquatic centres and ensure the facilities will be relevant and meet community needs in the future.

Mayor Bec Enders said the "The feedback from listening to our community will inform the Aquatic Strategy which is a ten year capital investment plan that considers Council's short and long-term decisions about the aquatic facilities."

"It is vital that these centres are sustainable, that they continue to improve the health and wellbeing of the community and provide opportunities for people to feel included. Gathering the community's thoughts and views is an important part of the process."

"We want to hear from our regular visitors or those people in our community that don't visit either of the centres on what aquatic programs and services you would like to see in the future. Your views will help guide our planning and make sure the strategy is in the best interest of the community."

The review will consider a range of attendance, operational and financial factors as well as our population growth and potential demand for the future. We will also consider any duplication of services, and if there are financial impacts to provide the appropriate level of service desired by the community.

The Aquatic Strategy is being developed by John Summers from Leisure Management Excellence. John has extensive experience working on local government projects that involve community consultation. John will be conducting workshops, surveys and stakeholder focus group over the coming months.

You can participate in the community engagement by:

- Completing the online survey <u>Here</u> by 10th September
- Attending a community workshop (Details below)



Community Workshops

Tuesday 7 September 2021 Port Huon Sports and Aquatic Centre 6.00pm to 8.00pm Book you ticket at Eventbrite

Thursday 9 September 2021 Huon Valley Hub (23 Main Street, Huonville) 6.00pm to 8.00pm Book you ticket at Eventbrite

Physical distancing will be observed throughout these events.

For more information visit Have Your Say on our website at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay. You can also sign up for Council eNews here. For more information on Leisure Management Excellence visit - www.LMExcellence.com.au

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