

# JM Robson Aquatic Centre

Actions included in the 2019/20 Operational Plan support the following objectives included in the Community Strategic Plan 2030:

- BE1 Our built environment blends with the natural and cultural environment

## A healthy, vibrant community

The redevelopment of the former Lithgow War Memorial Olympic Pool site to the state of the art aquatic centre; the JM Robson Aquatic Centre ensures that Council is meeting the needs of the community now and into the future. The facility not only promotes health and wellbeing but also contributes to the economic growth and long-term sustainability of the Lithgow local government area.

The opening of the new indoor facility received a positive response from the community, with many residents benefiting from the state of the art aquatic facilities and new recreational programs. Council is now able to provide year round Learn to Swim Programs and Aqua Aerobics classes which cater to all ages and abilities.

Council has also been able to cater to large regional swimming carnivals for the Lithgow Swim Club bringing business not only to the centre but the town as well.

Working with the Lithgow Swim Club and Council's Learn to Swim Program the centre is able to feed children into squad classes to maintain a high level of swimming in the town.

Through the Learn to Swim Program we are encouraging parents and children to not only begin to safely use aquatic facilities but also to be aware at rivers, lakes and beaches.

Subject to the approval of the Special Rate Variation by IPART, in 2019/20 Council will be installing solar panel technology at the JM Robson Aquatic Centre would ultimately lead to significant reductions in operating costs at the centre. Further, it will cut Council's greenhouse emissions output and provide contingency in the case of a blackout.

## Key Council Plans & Strategies

- Strategic Asset Management Plan
- Disability Inclusion Action Plan

## BE1 – OUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT BLENDS WITH THE NATURAL AND CULTURAL ENVIRONMENT

DELIVERY PLAN (2017-2021)	OPERATIONAL PLAN (2019-2020)			
Delivery Program Action (4 years)	Action	Performance Measure	Target	Responsible Department
BE1.2 We provide cultural and recreational infrastructure that meets the needs of the community.	BE1.2.8 Develop and operate the JM Robson Aquatic Centre using Council resources and associated oncosts.	Number of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patron's utilising the Aquatic Centre facilities.</li> <li>Bookings for the Kids Party Package</li> <li>Children using the Learn to Swim Program.</li> <li>Patrons using the exercise programs.</li> </ul>	5% increase	Buildings & Recreation Facilities
		Number of reportable safety incidents at the Aquatic Centre.	100% Processed	
		Installation of Solar Panels.	100% complete	

## RECREATION PROGRAM INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2018/2019

Project	Project Costs \$	Funded from Grants \$	Funded from Special Rate Variation \$	Funded from Reserves \$
<b>Solar Panel Installation</b> (Note – this project is subject to the approval of the Special Rate Variation by IPART)	126,500		(69,542)	(56,958)