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Community Pools Strategy released on public exhibition

Strathbogie Shire Council has released the Community Pools Strategy Report for public exhibition until 5pm Friday 22 June 2018.

Residents are encouraged to read the report and provide a submission to Council by emailing <u>info@strathbogie.vic.gov.au</u> or providing a written letter to Customer Service.

Council has been undertaking an assessment of its pools in Avenel, Euroa, Nagambie and Violet Town over the last few years as internal assessments revealed the ageing infrastructure of the pools would require significant expenditure and upgrade.

This prompted the need to establish a clear vision for the long term development and sustainability of the pools.

The process began with a number of community surveys in 2016 and 2017 and the development of a Community Pools Working Group, who have been working closely with Otium Planning Group to develop the report.

The Community Pools Strategy Report examines operating and capital expenditure, current management, patronage and the condition of the existing infrastructure.

It also considers extensive market research and community feedback to provide Strategic Development Plans for each of the pools, focusing on improving infrastructure and increasing patronage.

Strathbogie Shire Mayor and Community Pools Working Group Chair Amanda McClaren said the report will be vital to ensuring the sustainability and viability of the shire's pools which continue to provide enormous benefit to our communities.

"I would like to sincerely thank the Community Pools Working Group and the community for their ongoing input throughout this process; your feedback has been truly valuable in getting this report to its final stages," Mayor McClaren said.

"We now call on our community again for their valuable input."

"The final report will give Council the research, understanding and expertise to make sound and viable decisions when it comes to the future of our pools," she said.

A copy of the report is available on the Strathbogie Shire website <u>https://www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au/council/about-council/public-notices</u> or by visiting Customer Service at 109A Binney Street Euroa or 317 High St Nagambie.

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