

# BATEMANS BAY REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

Survey Report – March 2019

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### Executive Summary

The development of the new aquatic and arts centre at Mackay Park provides a unique opportunity to design and construct a purpose built Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre for the community within the Eurobodalla Shire. The project is currently in the design stage with the aim of finalising an agreed concept plan prior to moving to the detailed design stage.

The key outcomes for the project are:

- To build a financially sustainable development.
- People of all ages have access to a range of recreational and cultural opportunities (providing accessible and affordable exercise, health and wellbeing facilities, as well as opportunities to socialise).
- Provide an inclusive, accessible and diverse creative arts venue for the community and visitors.
- Provide a contemporary aquatic leisure centre with different water spaces featuring a mix of program, leisure, fitness and adventure water options.

To facilitate these outcomes and provide the broader community within the Shire an opportunity to be engaged with the project a comprehensive engagement strategy was developed. The overall intent of the strategy was to involve all members of the community through an open and transparent process to actively understand and respond to their issues with respect to the final design of the proposed Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre.

This specific component of the engagement strategy involved seeking community feedback on the three concept plans. Mechanisms utilised to advise and engage the community included:

- Kiosks – conducted at Village Centre Batemans Bay (seven separate occasions), Moruya and Narooma libraries (once at each library).
- Kiosk materials: pull up banners, large scale plans, hard copy survey, hard copy FAQ.
- Media release.
- Survey asking what people like and don't like and why about each concept (website and hard copy distributed at points across the Eurobodalla Shire including all three libraries, all three swimming pools and at the Moruya Chamber of Commerce).
- Frequently Asked Questions (website and hard copy distributed at points across the Eurobodalla Shire including all three libraries, all three swimming pools and at the Moruya Chamber of Commerce).
- Website pages updated and homepage banner linked to survey
- Animation (Facebook and website)
- Facebook – post with animation and kiosk details.
- Newsletters.
- Promotional poster “What do you think, Eurobodalla?” – distributed at points around the Eurobodalla Shire with a particular emphasis on Batemans Bay and surrounding areas.
- Living in Eurobodalla (printed newsletter to households).

The survey period ran from 7 January 2019 through until 17 February 2019. A total of 273 surveys were returned (surveys could be returned either electronically or as a paper based return).

This report presents the findings from the survey returns.

### The Survey

The survey objective was to gain an understanding of the communities view on the three concept plans and to understand:

- Any concerns regarding the proposed location of key infrastructure.
- What aspects of each of the three concepts were liked and disliked.
- Where concept plan(s) could be improved.
- Any significant deficiencies within any, or all, of the three concepts.

To ensure that respondents had ample opportunity to express their concerns and not feel they were being led by a set of questions seeking a pre-defined outcome all questions were open-ended. This enables the respondent to have full control over their responses and does not shape or guide responses.

In addition, the survey sought to collect some basic demographical information including post code, age group, frequency of use of the new centre, what facilities would be used and space for any other comments.

Participants were also offered the opportunity to provide more general comments about Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre. These comments were not addressed in the survey results. This was largely due to their more generic approach and were not specifically targeted against the three concept plans. All responses are at Attachment D.

Some individuals, groups or organisations opted to provide a more generic response that did not always align with the parameters of the survey. While these submissions are not tabulated in the survey data the information provided has been analysed and the outcomes (where possible) fed into the overall design process (currently referred to as Concept D). All submissions are at Attachment F.

To provide the community with a broad range of avenues in which to complete and return the surveys, the surveys were able to be completed electronically or by hand. While these options catered for a broader range of community members it did provide a vulnerability with regard to the credibility of the surveys. There is a possibility that people could complete an electronic response and then submit one or more hard copy returns. There are some hard copy returns that have been identified as suspicious (all responses have been included in the survey results). While the number is unlikely to distort the overall trend of the survey it does allow for some issues to be overly represented and not truly reflective of the overall views of the community.

### Data Analysis and Findings

As this is a qualitative survey, no statistical significance is implied by these results, nor should the data be considered as a representative profile of all the residents/non-residents living in the Batemans Bay area or the broader Eurobodalla Shire. The data however, does represent a range of views and ideas of those who opted to participate in the survey.

### The Participants

This section looks at the key data regarding those people completing the survey including how often they would use the centre and which items they would utilise.

*Postcode*

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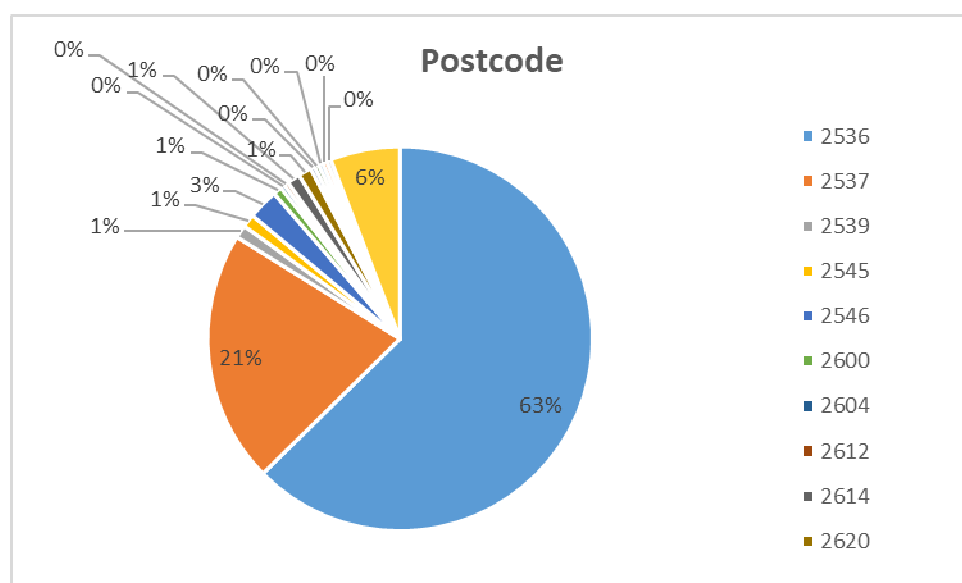
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The 273 participants who completed the survey predominately came from the 2536 postcode region. This post code encompasses North Batemans Bay, Nelligen, Lilli Pilli, Mogo, Rosedale and Runnyford (this is a limited set to indicate breadth of area covered). This was always expected to return the largest number of responses due to the proximity to Mackay Park.

The second largest group of responses came from the 2537 post code region. This post code encompasses Broulee, Congo, Moruya, Tomakin and Tuross Head (this is a limited set to indicate breadth of area covered).

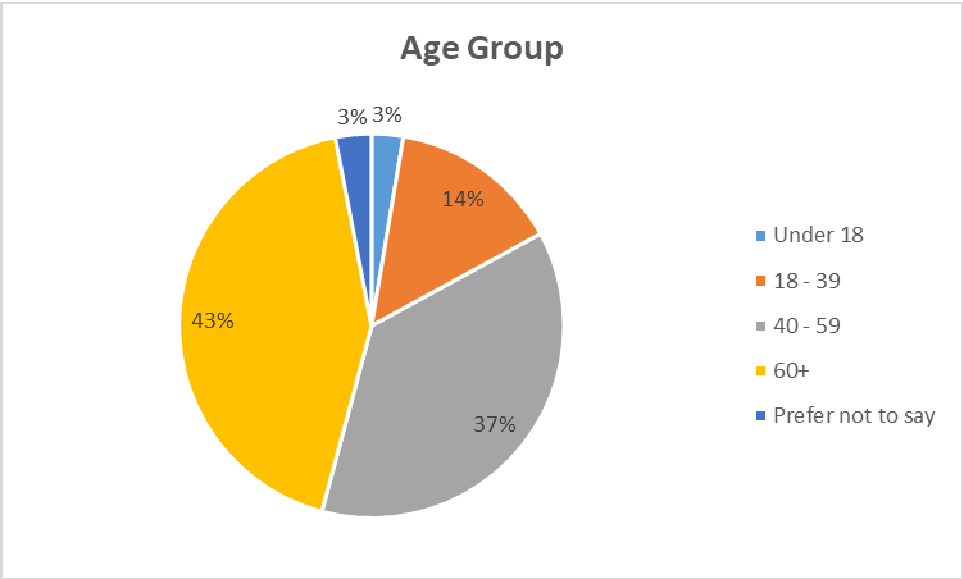
The remaining post codes were minor with most returns numbering between one and seven responses. It does show that a small number of Canberra based people did participate in the survey

A small percentage of the returns (6% or 16 returns) either accidentally or intentionally opted not to include a postcode with their response



### *Age Group*

There was a very strong representation from the age groups 40 – 59 and 60+. These two groups combined contributed 80% of the overall survey results. One of the more disappointing aspects was the poor response from those in the under 18 age group.

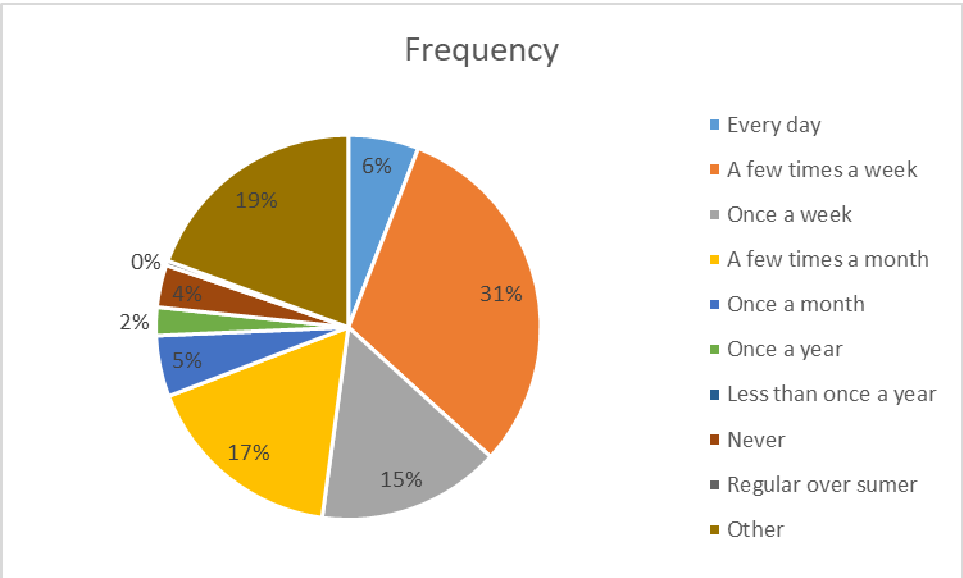


Frequency

The possible usage rates for the new centre would indicate that most people are proposing to use the centre, at a minimum, at least once a week (52%) with 37% of people using the centre multiple times a week. Those respondents that selected other had a range of responses. Some examples are provided below:

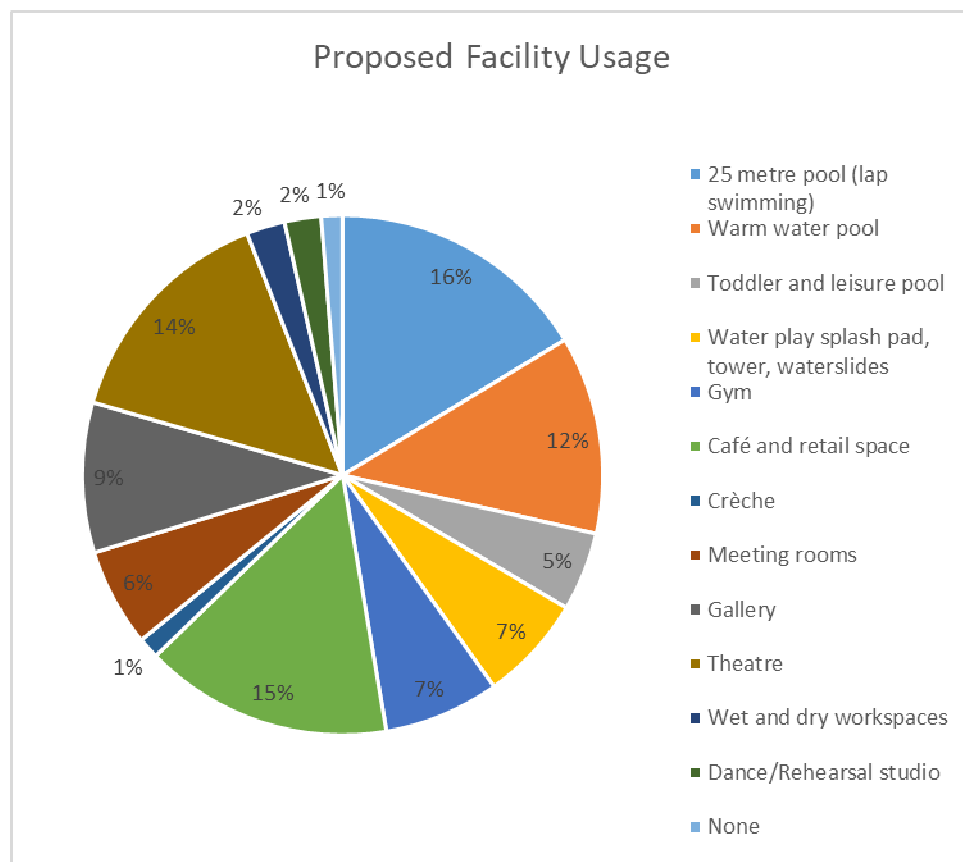
- At least twice a week.
- 4 or 5 times a year.
- Sporadically.
- Non-resident ratepayer, so usage would be ad hoc.
- Who knows - depends on what's there and how well it's done.
- Depending on performance times.

All responses for those who opted to select other are at Attachment E.



Which Items

The responses showed a very strong response for the 25metre pool, warm water pool, café and theatre. All aspects that will be included in the aquatic component were well supported including those who indicated a preference to use the new gymnasium. Both the theatre and gallery received strong support.



### Overall Findings

The data analysis is centred on a key issue or issues. This allows for a presentation of the participants' views in a way that clearly illustrates an understanding of the views, ideas or concerns. Where appropriate, the issues have been reported in a ranked order, commencing with the issue that attracted the most comments. This system does not imply that the higher ranked issue should be viewed as more important or have greater meaning than other issues raised. This is merely a descriptive method used to present the large and disparate views presented through the survey results.

The key outcome for the survey was to assess the views of the community on the three concepts and use the information provided to assist in defining the final design.

All comments provided by the survey participants are listed in Attachments A, B and C organised by broad theme and then by issue.

## Concept A: Boulevard

### What do you like about Concept A

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
Aquatic/Arts entrances are separated	115
The overall design	41
Gym is located on the ground floor	12
25m pool in new complex	11
Outdoor terrace on first floor of theatre	5
Inclusion of warm water pool	4
Size of theatre	3

### What don't you like about Concept A

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
Design lacked a 50m pool	92
Some water bodies outside/not enclosed	47
The overall design (response of nothing or similar)	38
Location of Wet and Dry Workshops	22
Gym included in complex	20
Art Gallery is too small	15
Proposed location of Café	14
Gym is not located on first floor	12
Proposed theatre seating capacity is inadequate	11
The design lacks a 50m pool.	9
Absence or relocation of Mini Golf	8
Size/Number of Meeting Rooms	5
Absence of Visitor Information Centre services	3

## Concept B: Separate

### What do you like about Concept B

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
Aquatic/Arts entrances are separated	89
Liked the design	43
Gym is located upstairs	28
25m pool in new complex	8
Inclusion of warm water pool	3
Inclusion of Slide Pool	2



### What don't you like about Concept B

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
Design does not include a 50 metre pool	100
Some water bodies outside/not enclosed	61
Disliked the design (response of nothing or similar)	52
Gym included in complex	21
Proposed location of Cafe	17
Gym is not located on the ground floor	15
All facilities are not combined under one roof	15
Proposed location of the Wet/Dry workshops	15
Absence or relocation of Mini Golf	10
Proposed theatre seating capacity is inadequate	9
Inclusion of slide pool/size of slide pool	7
Art Gallery is too small	6
Gym needs to be larger	4
Visitor Information Centre	2

### Concept C: Combined

#### What do you like about Concept C

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
Cost effectiveness of design (reduced staff cost, operating costs etc).	13
The overall design	12
The two facilities are combined	11
Playground adjoining crèche	9
Gym is located upstairs	8
Proposed size of Art Gallery	7
Inclusion of Slide Pool	7
25m pool in new complex	5

#### What don't you like about Concept C

Issue	Number of Times Issue Raised
The overall design (response of nothing or similar)	114
All facilities are combined under one roof	77
Design does not include a 50 metre pool	65
Some water bodies outside/not enclosed	37

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Gym included in complex	14
Gym is not located on the ground floor	11
Absence or relocation of Mini Golf	9
Proposed location of crèche	7
Inclusion of Slide Pool	6
Meeting rooms are located upstairs	5
Proposed location of Café	5
Design lacks a 50m pool.	5
Proposed theatre seating capacity is inadequate	4
Absence of Visitor Information Centre services	4
Art Gallery is too small	3

Attachment A – Comments for Concept A

**What do you like about Concept A, and why?**

**What don't you like about Concept A, and why?<sup>1</sup>**

**Liked the Concept**

It's fine

I like the design overall x 2.

looks beautiful

Facilities look good

Everything

all

I like concept A - out of three options it is my preferred option.

All of the features (as listed).

My first preference

This new complex will cater for everyone in the community.

Best option

This is a good design, great to have so much to suit everyone.

I think this looks great ,it will be a bonus for Batemans Bay

I love this one the most. I love the gym and the fact that it's spread out.

I like everything about this concept A except the gym on the ground floor

1st choice. Separation of activity (pools etc) area and entertainment area. Theatre will have a more formal aspect.

The lay out of the pool/amenities/crèche etc is the best of the concepts.

The main reason that I have selected Concept A is the first above statement (the aquatic and theatre are separate) with all the gyms I have seen, they are noisy places and should be well away from the theatre complex. I also like the boulevard idea. It gives the feeling of spaciousness.

*Can't find anything I have a major problem with.*

*Nothing x 8*

*I like it x 3*

*There is nothing I don't like about this concept*

*Nothing really x 2*

*It's fine*

**Didn't like the Concept**

I'm trying to think of something

Not a great lot

I don't like it at all, sorry x 5

Nothing X 14

Not Much x 3

Nothing. I like nothing about Concept A.

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<sup>1</sup> All comments provided by respondents with regard to: What don't like about Concept A and why? (are in italics).

Don't like design x 2

Not a lot. I find the layout of this concept strange.

Not much. The two centres are not attached... that's about it.

Nothing full of facilities we don't want

Nothing., compared to "C"

Nothing x 2.

Not for me.

Don't like it

Not as good a C

*Everything*

*Can't see anything I don't like.*

*I don't like it being two separate buildings.*

*Two separate buildings.*

## Layout

### General Comments re Layout

Concept A does not meet the requirements of the Eurobodalla community.

fluid design

the most artistic design, aesthetically pleasing

Lots of space and greenery

There appears to be a lot of parking.

All plans need a separate exit to car park so that dripping wet customers don't need to exit via foyer.

The boulevard space may become valuable for other activities

Shape of building, gym with pool, bigger outdoor terrace, art space separate.

The ground floor facility. The appearance and layout.

The boulevard is a great concept and great connector and make to cover the space! You could run undercover events and use the space for theatre, food functions and joint collaboration.

Plan has nice shape.

Like the overall shape.

Looks nice from the street. Flows well and is inviting.

Rounded design is attractive and enables views of activity spaces.

Love orientation of 2nd floor platform overlooking river

Boulevard - open air space to meet and relax outdoors.

Like the intimacy of the narrower boulevard.

The boulevard area should be covered to provide protection from rain and sun. The boulevard can be used for outdoor dining and events.

Outside the complex seating for cafe.

I like: the surrounding gardens and parking facilities; the exterior curved design

I like the arrangement of the buildings.

well designed & fitted out to meet specs - well done to all concerned in this project

Looks spacious

I like the fact everything is on the one level

Modern looking. Curves. Separates the two facilities.

spacious layout, appealing vista

In my opinion it looks a neater layout

I like the rounded design. It is more modern.

that most is on ground level

The layout and its modern facade,

layout practical

The crèche and cafe are in aquatic centre

Boulevard concept could fit with BB CBD suggestions on alleyways etc

Also its orientation. Much better and more welcoming for people coming from the CBD.

Landscaping/beautifying of the area superior to the other options.

All the facilities and the gym on the ground floor looking out over water paly.

A design that will look good, distinct areas with their own foyers - one section leading on to the next gracefully, curves, balance of indoor and outdoor pools. Two function/meeting rooms, well situated for access of workshops. First floor terrace. Other rooms on first floor - perhaps offices for theatre? Crèche located near pool but somewhat separate. Cafe serving gym and pool where there will be most use. Meeting room well located/also accessible and well located workshops, function room. I like it very much - especially the curves and the way one building leads to the next - and the pool and theatre foyers facing opposite directions. Meeting room perhaps could be larger? But if not then there appear to be other rooms which could also be used for smaller meetings as well as 'function' room?

Outdoor and green space

I like the separated buildings and I like the indoor and outdoor mix in the aquatic centre, crèche and cafe also good. Like the aesthetic of the Boulevard.

I like the separate buildings but connected with a boulevard. I like they both have their own foyers as they are really 2 diff types of entertainment which require some level of skill in the particular area for the staff side of things. Love there is a cafe and crèche all useful facilities.

the cafe and the crèche near the pool area

The two volumes separated by the central boulevard diminishes the bulk of the development. I love how the theatre foyer addresses both the street frontage and the (rear) car park approach entry. The locations of the pools will help to create a pleasant streetscape along the highway, which is desperately needed. The creative arts and dance studios would be wonderful if they relate strongly to the central pedestrian boulevard, ie if they can be opened onto the outdoor space for performances and exhibitions! It looks like the cafe can serve people both in and outside the aquatic centre which is great. It's an appealing shape in plan, shame we aren't given some elevations or perspectives to help...

25m pool is centre of the fitness area and the plant room is on the highway, cafe facing the park.

Think the outside design is great, the circular building and boulevard seem to flow well together and would promote great utilisation of the space between to two buildings.

more integrated concept flowing more naturally and better using available space

gym and cafe positions

leisure area all on one floor

The layout and the function room

I prefer the separation between the aquatic & arts centres

Separate buildings for each. Slides and recreation facilities

Multi-servicing café

Café near waterplay area and exterior to the pool area so the public can come in.

The crèche and café are close/next to the foyer. The theatre complex is separate to the pool area for noise reasons.

*car parking needs shade*

*no playground*

*Are there sufficient parking spots for all facilities if in use at same time?*

*Separate building expensive to build, maintain and operating costs will be high. Very difficult and expensive expansions for the future.*

*Lack of a cafe/bar (crucially important!) and disabled access.*

*Bus/coach drop off and pick up doesn't seem to be considered.*

*Tourism office should be where gym is - opening onto approach square/space - and declutter foyer area.*

*Distance from car parking areas is too far. Consider a drive-in/drive out drop off for theatre goers especially. This is for many, a retirees community - cultural attractions are important.*

*Café and crèche location should be close by 'learn to swim area' - parents wish to watch children and café location benefits from extra sales if parents are able to have a coffee etc whilst waiting for lessons or just watching small children play.*

*The 25 metre pool should be located alongside the Warm Water Pool - the childrens learn to swim and leisure pool should be located at the front, so that parents can sit at the café (spend money) and watch their children. All items - Splash Park, Slide Pool should be under the main roof and enclosed, as promised.*

*The foyer and gallery are facing east and should front the space - so rotate the concept!*

*The southern wall bordering the car park is going to take some finessing: it is a long stretch of rudimentary wall which will likely be awful visually from the sth approach, and experientially, to walk along.*

*Arts centre - remote from most parking looking at evening usage.*

*Pool would be stuffy and hot as little cross breeze and gym building here would make it worse. Not much grass area in busy times and picnic feel. Future expansion to 50 m or area for this in future like Ballina pool. .*

*I don't like that they're separate, as I worry about the cost. Arts: I personally feel the arts facility is far too much and needs to be scaled back. Whatever happened to the flat-floor auditorium with retractable seating and movable walls? The dance rehearsal space is huge, the art gallery space is tiny. The meeting room should be on par with the Batemans Bay Community Centre space, it looks on the small side in the concept. I don't feel both wet and dry workshop rooms are needed – just have one wet workshop room, and use it for dry if needed, or one of the other rooms. Aquatic: The fact learn to swim is outside is rather ridiculous, I don't see the point of having it all. , The gym is quite a way away from the crèche, and I understand the gym users would be the largest users of the crèche. I feel the aquatic facilities could be scaled back – while the waterslides would be wonderful, I feel they could be removed but I would be interested to know the costings. I don't like that there is no playground, as in concept c in the aquatic facility.*

*The gym and the wet/dry workshop placement feels like it is taking up space which could be used as parkland instead. A small parkland with benches/trees etc would be a nice place to wait to enter the theatre venue.*

*Too much wasted space. Two foyers.*

*Foyer is too small and congested for the range of services proposed for the space - ie, reception for pool, gym users, cafe seating and visitor information services/information and appealing destination gateway display (as per design principles outlined in appendix 1B of the management plan). Retail space is small and doesn't show what type of retailing it will display (ie souvenirs/gifts, or sports apparel and equipment) - POS or storage for the retail space is not identified.*

*Small separate spaces for different functions. No allowance for multifunction spaces. Amenities are on the other side of the pool from public areas. Does this mean duplication?*

*Gym/Arts rooms - create a third structure stuck in the middle of "boulevard" - these are not "showpiece" spaces.*

*Toilets at rear of facility - everyone will have to go through the complex to use them.*

*There should be more connection between the pool/theatre - by an undercover walkway.*

*Foyer too far from parking. Unsafe not covered. Waste of site space outside buildings - link both buildings with covered access.*

*Change the whole of the ground floor gym area to be an Art Gallery, keeping the wet and dry workshop areas. The existing function room could be used as a meeting room, and the existing AP areas could be toilet facilities. This gives the Visual Arts a separate venue/building. The visual arts require an Art gallery area of similar size to the Batemans Bay High School Main Hall, a venue that has been hired over many years for exhibitions by Creative Arts Batemans Bay Inc. It is not possible to run such exhibitions in the unreasonably small Art gallery room shown on the plan. Possible walk-way bridge connecting all buildings.*

*It's hard to tell on this drawing but I thought it needed to be year round facility so if the kids learn to swim is just undercover and not enclosed I think this will not work for year round enjoyment. I don't like the 25m pool. Doesn't look like there is enough room for families/young people to sit around the pool either besides the stand. Where the stand is should have doors that open to the water park so that if you have children in the 25m and kids in the water park parents can situate themselves midway. This design is quite segregated. Should have a 50m. I would put the Gym on top of crèche area, swing the leisure pool and waterpark around and have the 50m outside/undercover where the leisure pool is. I have 4 school age children who would have to travel to swim 50m for school. I would like to know who would use the theatre and if this space would be wasted. The art gallery is tiny, also wondering who would use that space when we have the new BAS in Moruya?*

*3 separate buildings which will need conditioning with separate plant. Wet/dry workshops are linked to the gym and aquatic area. I assume these are arts based? Where are the toilets/amenities for the theatre, wet/dry workshop? Given it will have peak loads during intermission, these need to be sized appropriately? The reception of the theatre does not face the entry to welcome people and the admin is tiny comparative to other rooms. The admin will be full time staffed and should have natural light.*

*No first floor usage above the pool as other concepts.*

*May be play area with slide might be another cramped.*

*The additional cost to do this, to maintain, and the aspects of the building. Outdoor areas are SO seasonal, that's probably why current pool isn't open all year? It's too cold for many months of the year. I am mostly concerned about natural light. The pool should have light coming in whereas the auditorium not. The pool area should allow northerly light in. The Ulladulla pool is a perfect example. Winter sun enhances the building greatly. Must improve lighting expenses also. Option 1 looks like the pool is in shadow of arts building*

*orientation of both foyers not facing the same way*

*The art gallery space looks awkwardly placed in the foyer- if in that location can it have capacity for expanding or opening walls to be able to use the foyer area for added exhibition space if needed. The distance of the crèche from the Gym. Concerns the 2 WC in the theatre area would suffice for a 350seat facility- distance to other toilets in separate building is some distance away if wanting to offer other facilities for peak times- i.e pre and mid show. Concerns of cost of the void in the entrance to the theatre area and the useage the outdoor terrace on the second level would actually get considering its disconnection with the foyer/hospitality area.*

*Could utilise upstairs area with gym and function room for swim club use. Too much wasted outdoor space between both, put in more parking. Parking is always an issue. Could fit outdoor 50m pool in between both. Have short and longcourse comps.*

*I feel the cafe space is far too small as is the function room. Does the function room have toilets? If a gym is necessary why not have it on the First floor then have the Art Gallery and wet and dry facilities on the ground floor. Both should have toilet facilities otherwise a big traffic to the toilets on the other side of the building. There is a lot more, no storage for equipment to be used at the pool. What is the capacity of the seating at the 25 metre pool?*

*No Olympic pool, Too many aquatic features outdoors, inadequate spaces for swimming club and equipment storage, no obvious first aid room, parking too far from arts complex, community spaces too small, arts and community spaces can't be isolated, no smaller performance space, no mini-golf,*

*Limited features restrict ability to attract maximum numbers of patrons thereby revenue. No idea what is planned for bowling club site and how/if the developments can be integrated/complimentary. Is there a noise barrier between the outdoor pools and the boulevard? Just not apparent from that drawing. Does the cafe also serve the theatre to supplement the bar? If so it should be closer, more accessible. I would like to see more vehicle parking closer to the theatre, instead of shooting away from the pool. It would intrude into MacKay Park though.*

*The arts centre is too far away from the parking - no good for night time events. There is no pre theatre or post theatre restaurants and cafes. I question how much use the gym and outdoor water areas will be used - these should be replaced with a restaurant strip. Will be used by many more people all year round.*

*Overall this concept moves away from the key principal of financial sustainability - eg there will be duplication of staffing and waste of space - two foyers, gym not on second floor, not as attractive to people - ie cannot go to the cafe while at the theatre etc. Makes no sense no to have wet and dry workshops with the arts facility. Water slide area is tokenistic - it will not attract people = another revenue fail. Many reasons this is not an attractive concept. No space for mini golf which is an important activity. Go back to Otium concept.*

### Separation of Aquatic/Arts

The separate concept - two very different activities need to have individual space.

Separation of the 2 facilities

Gym and aquatic are together. Yet separate from theatre.

Separate centres

Like 2 separate buildings x 13.

I like the fact they are separate buildings. They have different requirements at different times of the day.

Separate entrances are essential

The separation is good

The degree of integration/separation is appropriate

I like that the theatre and pool buildings are separate.

Separate foyers. Separate buildings have positives.

Separate facilities.

I like that aquatic and theatre space have own foyer each - theatre foyers potentially quite different from pools however possible cost savings if only one foyer? Separation of buildings while still being connected.

2 different buildings.

That the theatre and pool are separate x 28

Separate cultural facility building

I like the concept of it being separate, and having separate foyers, café, crèche etc.

I like the two spaces being separated by the boulevard.

Separate buildings - different purposes, different users. Separate foyers - different users, separate bathers from dressed up.

I think separate buildings is a good idea.

I believe that Concept A is the best layout because both venues have separate foyers keeping each building and their activities separate.

Buildings are separate - theatre and swimming pool do not blend.

I like the separate buildings for the theatre and cafe and the mix of outdoor and indoor pools.

I like that the arts centre with the theatre is separate to the aquatic centre, I think that's really important. The smell of chlorine, the noise from the pool etc won't work with the theatre in the same



precinct so I like that this concept has them in different buildings.

Theatre is separate from the pool complex and that's about all.

I like the boulevard concept because there is separation of functions while keeping all functions under the one roof.

Separate buildings no conflict of interest between two different activities. No chance of moisture damage to the theatre complex from the aquatic complex. Separate foyers

Buildings are separate with separate entrances.

separate buildings; creative/cultural usage in one building; extra meeting space; gym next to aquatic area; crèche aquatic area; boulevard.

separate buildings; creative/cultural usage in one building;

Slight separation between the two structures. The gym and the wet/dry workshop buildings may block some of the noise from the outdoor leisure pools meaning less sound pollution for the theatre.

The two separate facilities with a boulevard is a nice touch to unite them

Both are separate and further for the 25 people into the arts to walk instead of aquatic centre patrons.

The theatre and pool facilities are not together although nearby. It is aspected to the north.

Aquatic centre and arts centre physically separate. Functions of the centres are essentially disparate - patrons at the arts centre wearing their pearl twinsets not really compatible with wet kids in boardies!

the theatre and swim areas are separate buildings and it is all one level

Theatre is separate which allows for events in both areas to occur at the same time with less confusion, traffic jams, people jams

I like that there is a separation between the majority of the arts precinct and the aquatic centre. This will avoid artworks being displayed and the theatre being affected by chemicals used in the aquatic facility. It also gives opportunity for there to be a relaxed atmosphere in the aquatic space while potentially having a formal atmosphere on occasion in the arts precinct.

Both building cover different activities. Totally different users at each building. Arts and leisure dress code much more upmarket as opposed to swimmers and noise.

The boulevard separated the two areas which have different purposes.

Separate the 3 completely different functions - keeps gym/pool/theatre apart.

Less noise for the theatre x 2

the pool area has a separate foyer to the theatre area

Separation of the aquatic and theatre/meeting room facilities

I like separate theatre and aquatic. I don't think it's a good mix of business with people getting about in bathers etc if there is a show on at the same time.

Like the fact the aquatic centre is separate to the arts centre

Separation of space arts/swim areas

Aquatic area separated from the theatre

That the Arts remain separate - there is merit in this design.

Two separate building so no noise interference

Two buildings keep noise and smell apart

Definitely, the separate pool and theatre areas. Sounds emanating from the enclosed pool (and they will be loud and noisy) are less likely to affect theatre performances.

Quite like the two facilities separated.

I like that the theatre area is separate because it would be very noisy with kids coming and going from the pool.

It separates the aquatic centre from the theatre facilities. I believe the aquatic centre is likely to be quite noisy, so it makes sense to keep it separate from the theatre.

My 9yo daughter likes that the pools are close together and it is separate from the theatre. These 2 user groups are different.

The separation of the arts and leisure facilities, mainly.

Separate foyers but a more combined experience

I love how the pool and theatre are separate. I find that if there was a show on at the theatre the last thing I would want to do dressed nicely is walk through a pool/wet environment... would take away from the professionalism.

All on the one level and separate foyers for swim and theatre

That the buildings are completely separate, the two centres should not be together they are completely different events

I like that it is separate from each other.

2 different foyers

I like that the arts is in a separate building to the aquatic/gym facilities.

Separate foyers for each facility, but both accessible by central boulevard.

separate facilities better

Two buildings - important to have them separate for atmosphere (chlorine etc) noise etc.

That both the facilities are separate but still connected. Separate foyers.

I like that the pool/gym areas are separate to the theatre area as it would be difficult to create a classy art event with a combined foyer

Dividing pool/gym and theatre is logical, no sweaty gym and towel draped sports people traipsing through theatre goers. Also chlorine/humidity from pool would impact negatively on experience of theatre goers.

I like that we have separate facilities.

Separate but linked. Separate flyers. Indoor/outdoor feel for 'fun water' area.

That the theatre and aquatic building are separate, promotes a sense of independent importance for both entities. Great that they have separate entrances. Reduces the stress flow on the one site.

Like the slightly separated buildings

Theatre and aquatic are separate. They are two distinct functions. Sport and art. I like the boulevard concept separating the two functions!

*Theatre and aquatic centre should not be together. Aquatic centre should be a part of a sports centre with other sports. Theatre (if required) should be separate.*

*I do not see the link between swimming and the arts. Why blend the two in the one complex? It is good there is an indoor heated pool and the pool facilities are separate from the arts centre.*

### Other Comments - Layout

Too expensive we cannot afford the running costs

Waste of shire residents' money

Until I see where the new bridge will be in respect to the plans I cannot answer.

It is an added, though expensive, attraction for a town that is beginning to feel more like a clearing house for visiting traffic than a real community.

Why does this question require an answer?

Approach from Princes Highway should be "a Town Circle or Square" with public art

(fountain/sculptures) seating, tree/shade etc. - a gathering/meeting space for citizens - a Focal Point of Batemans Bay.

That the aquatic arts are separated but really the footprint should be housing a proper aquatic facility why have the arts people not done a business case?

Don't know as there is nothing to look at.

I thinking along the lines of increasingly diverse cultures residing here and needing to learn about water

safety in general

Good mix of different ideas and uses for the whole community

The complex will be a fantastic additional resource for the town. It has been sorely needed!

And why so large and the art spaces so small.

I like that there are UAT's

Additional function room is great - for education purposes

The inclusion of the cafe is a great idea.

Separate would be good although not for staffing reception

*Complex is attempting to be too many things to too many interests.*

*too expensive we cannot afford the running costs*

*Still a waste of money*

*Nothing no scope no vision by Eurobodalla Shire Council*

*do not think it will get enough usage to pay, leaving ratepayers to foot bill*

*Extra cost x 2*

*The whole plan is overly complex.*

*That Council is spending money on a theatre and a gym to be in direct competition with private enterprise.*

*I am concerned that the new bridge has not been drawn in.*

*This complex needs to be at Hanging Rock to allow better usage and in turn a better income for ESC*

*Loading area in the arts component needs to be beautified somehow so as not to detract from the rear entrance to the complex.*

*outdoor area will be noisy near the highway*

*Major weakness seems to be double storied (? high proportion of elderly/disabled enjoying arts/theatre facility?) ? - also needing too much duplication it seems*

*Doesn't look as great as the other 2 designs.*

*close to highway*

*Narooma is old and always needing repairs.*

*Arts centre should be somewhere else.*

*The location of the facility. It should be at Hanging Rock.*

*These maps don't show what size things are.*

*All the rest.*

*Under 2 buildings is not as cost effective as 1 building*

*It would be my second choice to Concept B based on the outside presentation which looks a bit boxy*

*The entrance to the arts complex should be nearer the car park.*

*The gym, wet and dry workshops break the flow between the two buildings. Toilets and escalators/lifts to upstairs in the theatre building?*

*Would hope Arts building doesn't shade pools which need full sun*

*One foyer would make more sense for staffing to be manned at reception*

*Very limited options for any future expansions. Nowhere for expansion to go. Every dollar spent now has to be cost efficient.*

*small separation between the two, therefore decreased natural surveillance by passing traffic*

*The design is too spread out.*

*Smaller, less fun.*

*Don't mind the 2 different buildings. I think the foyer shape is a bad idea.*

*Declutter foyer/admin area to make spacious area for exhibitions.*

*the outdoor area is flanked by the gym building*

*Facilities should be shared to maximise usage.*

*The location of the centre no 50 m pool water slide and outdoor pool plus the 25 pool*

*Outdoor facilities in windy and noisy location. I don't like the location of the outdoor facilities on the Princess Highway side of the building. This will be a noisy area and not very pleasant for kids playing. It will also be cold, the prevailing north-easterly summer breezes will make it cold on slides. Even on a boiling hot day at a waterpark it feels cold when the wind is blowing when you are wet.*

*They should be on separate sites.*

*I don't like the outside shape because it is odd and because it has two different areas (theatre and pool).*

*Nothing seems big enough for any real purpose, all just to tick a box.*

*Three separate buildings, meaning 3 extra wages.*

*The north-easterly location of the outdoor facilities will limit its usage due to the exposure to prevailing summer north-easterly winds. Concerned the commercial spaces could have negative impact on existing businesses.*

*A bar/restaurant on the rooftop terrace would be good for the community as there is nowhere in town that has the more modern vibe of dining and drinking like in the cities*

*Plant room on street elevation. Need to take care that how the building looks on the highway does not add to the already ugly visual appearance of highway.*

*Wld prefer to see a sporting precinct similar to Wollongong with aquatic, athletics & tennis on 1 location. I am confused as to why we need an arts centre combined with a pool??*

*I am confused as to why we are having an arts centre combined with an aquatic centre. Wld prefer to see it made a sporting precinct similar to Wollongong where they have pool, tennis & athletics in one centre.*

*The pool layout does not allow future expansion to 50m pool.*

*3 buildings - surely costs more \$ separate resources required for each eg. Air-conditioning/cleaners/windows etc.*

*No dimensions. No restaurant. No rooms for community.*

*It's not big enough.*

*Small no measurements. Where's Mini Golf? Retail missing. Amenities too small (Swim Club store rooms spectator seats).*

*Disabled access to be closer to disabled parking areas, and parking for buses. Lifts to be easily accessible with more than one in each building, and large enough for disabled, ie wheel chairs and helpers.*

*Needs a playground.*

*I am guessing that there is no 50m pool or mini golf but a gym.*

## Gymnasium

### Prefer gym on ground floor

Gym on ground floor - greater attraction for all ages

Gym downstairs x 4

For access, I like the gym being on ground floor.

Gym on the ground floor. If it is up there would need to be easy access for all people using it

Gym is on the ground floor and opens to the aquatic facility

Gym on ground level.

Gym - ground floor - excellent access to all.

Gymnasium more accessible on ground floor.

I like that the gym is on ground floor.

### **Prefer gym upstairs**

*The gym would be better upstairs x 3*

*Gym location - should be on first floor, probably as in concept B.*

*Having gym upstairs so it's separated from pool and workshops is a better idea.*

*I prefer the gym on the 2nd floor by the layout provided*

*Gym is on the ground floor, subjecting everyone who enter to that ever-pervading smell of sweat.*

*Think design b is better with gym on different floor*

*Gym to be upstairs in the main pool building. Hopefully an existing Gym business to be given priority to run this.*

*The gym is taking up important ground floor space and should be upstairs.*

*Gym - why onto approach area and not above or below as in Concept B?*

### **General comments on gym**

The trend is for gyms to have 24/7 access so the gym will need it's own access for this purpose.

Feel that gym should only be used for light exercise e.g. yoga, tai chi, meditation, gentle exercise etc.

I like that there is a gym adjoined

I also think it appropriate to have the gym near the aquatic centre as I believe gym participants will often want to swim after a gym workout.

gym floor size is the biggest of all concepts which would allow for more types of equipment to cater to different styles of exercise.

I think the gym's placement in the centre is nice to separate the two.

I like incorporating a gym as it would be a good source of revenue to help fund the pool.

Larger Gym

View of water play area from gym.

If gym etc. can be put under this facility in Concept B, why can it not go under - in same position - in Concept A?

The gym looks out into a garden – nice!

*The gym should also be larger to compete with other local gyms in the area.*

*The gym should be located away from the childrens play park.*

*Think gym too far from reception/entrance. Don't think gym should overlook childrens play area.*

*Location of gym seems to congest the outdoor pool area.*

*The gym.*

*Don't like where the gym is*

*the gym being so close to the water park limited privacy*

*The gym is too small and should be up stairs.*

*Prefer the gym separate to the pool*

*The gym will require sufficient area to house the following: a permanent spin room, exercise floor area, permanent weights room plus admin, shop, therapy rooms and change room facilities with showers and toilets. Toilets must be provided on the first floor.*

*Gym has potential to block the winter sun from the waterpark area.*

*gym looking over the pool*

*The gym location*

*Better access to gym rather than through main foyer, then walking through the pool areas. Those of*

*the community that want quick access to the gym only would appreciate side access by way of key card or similar*

*Gym on ground floor adds to building foot print.*

### **No requirement for gym**

Cannot see the reason to duplicate gym.

*Don't really need another gym in town. Will be too many.*

*don't need another gym to compete with others in town*

*Why is a gym being built when there is a perfectly good gym right across the road?*

*Get rid of the Gym, the income will be minimal, better to have more community space or better still more outdoor area.*

*Don't understand why a Gym is being included in the complex. This facility is not needed when you consider the number of privately owned gyms in the Batemans Bay area and shire in general. Further the omission of the Gym will provide the room to fit a 50m pool, which the community wants.*

*I also don't like that there is a gym, I don't think a gym is needed when we already have 2 gyms in Batemans Bay and one just across the road.*

*Unnecessary gym x 2.*

*Do we need a gymnasium when so many in town already.*

*I'm not sure that the town needs another Gym when there are already 2 facilities in town.*

*There is no need for a gymnasium considering this town has four already.*

*A gym when bb already has 4.*

*A gym is not needed when there are already two good gyms in the CBD.*

*Don't need another gym to compete with others in town*

*Don't need another gym.*

*The gym is unnecessary. There are 5 gyms in town already.*

*Is a gym needed?*

*I am wondering why a gym is even being included in any of these proposals when gyms are already well catered for. Would rather see a 50mtr outdoor pool and more art workshop/gallery space. This would not be detrimental to other businesses in town.*

*Why the gym? This is a private enterprise activity*

### **50m Pool**

#### **Dislike design on basis of no 50m pool**

nothing, no 50m pool x 3

I like nothing about Concept A it only has a 25m pool. Our community NEEDS a 50m pool. Schools cannot hold carnivals and compete when swim times are a vital component. All schools will have to go to Narooma to hold carnivals, how ridiculous. We are a big enough community to warrant a 50m pool. I do not like anything about Concept A because Aquatic Centres should include a 50m pool. Without a 50m pool its just another hot, stinky noisy indoor swimming pool

Nothing it's a joke where is the 50m pool

Nothing, needs 50m pool

#### **Design lacks a 50m pool**

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Needs a 50m pool x 3

NO listen to the people 50 m pool

Not the 25m pool that's for sure!

I would like a 50mt pool (or provision for later build).

do not like no 50 m pool

Why can't the outdoor leisure and learn to swim pool be extended to 50m for competition.

I would prefer a 50 m pool-suggest dispense with play area -still leaves slide and small pool for kids

*No 50M pool x 31*

*Only 25 metre pool, not really adequate for our population. An ocean pool would be more environmentally sound.*

*My experience of teaching children who only have a 25m pool to swim in (Braidwood), didn't have the stamina to compete with children from towns with 50m pools. They competed in Region Carnivals but fell short. 50m is essential for all child swimmers for safety reasons.*

*Disappointed that we are accepting 25 metre it will never be 50 metre. Whilst I realise you can learn to swim in 25 metres, we live in 'surf location' and children need extra water skills, also we are not going to be competitive out of area unless suitable training (close to home without travelling) is available.*

*Need a 50m pool x 2*

*25 metre pool small 50 metre pool better*

*The pool should be 50m!*

*I still would rather see a 50m pool for those seeking to increase their swimming performances.*

*The pool length is too small x 2.*

*It's not a 50 meter pool. Waste of time and money making a smaller pool. I'd rather have no facilities and a 50 meter pool.*

*Does not include 50m pool... a 50m pool is essential*

*It only has a 25 metre pool. Looking forward for the next 50 years, Batemans Bay of course should have a 50 metre pool, to offset the extra cost surely a 50 metre pool doesn't have to be indoors or open all year. Do we have to have all the small pools, with different temperatures? Perhaps some of the excessed could be cut down. Every section of the community has been catered for except a very large and important group. Children and adults who do laps and training for fitness, swimming club members that are trying to better their personal best times.*

*Pool is too small. Need at least a 50 metre pool.*

*25mt pool when it should be an Olympic size pool*

*To not have a 50m pool in the main HUB Batemans Bay the heart of the Eurobodalla is very disappointing and is not supporting our current future athletes with the proposed. I have no doubt that interested parties have had their pockets lined well.*

*No 50 m pool so I will travel to Ulladulla and not spend money in this shire husbands family have continually lived here for nearly 60 years I personally 34 years. Had enough*

*No 50m pool. Save the money if you are not going to build what the community wants.*

*Definitely the lack of a pool of any useable size. Where will we hold our swimming carnivals? Ulladulla!*

*I think the main pool needs to be the same as it is now*

*It does not have a 50m pool. I am discussed with our council that they believe that it is worth going to the expense to build a 25m pool, when the community wants a 50m pool. I do not know 1 person that agrees with a 25m pool. This decision makes me want to move out of the Eurobodalla Shire due to small minded decisions. Our section of the community is VERY angry about council not building a 50m pool.*

*Indoor 25m pool - should be 50m, the slide is too small also.*

*Firstly, there's a 25m pool not a 50m pool!*

*The community requires the existing standard of a 50 metre pool be retained. Council needs to present*

*the financial costs of delaying the construction of a 50 metre pool. The delays in construction of the existing plans should be used as a timeline (say 20 years) on what the additional cost of building a 50 m pool in the future is compared to construction one now.*

*That the current 50mtr pool is removed*

*There is no 50m pool and the 25m pool will not be big enough for the local and visiting population of Batemans Bay.*

*I don't like that the pool in the aquatic centre is only 25mtrs long. I think that will limit future competitions and training for future olympians*

*Pool insufficient size/length for growing community and tourists. Need longer main pool. Inadequate spectator seating for carnivals.*

*The pool should be bigger.*

*I feel the pool could be turned the other way & extended out & made longer, 40-45 metres, that way the community will be appeased.*

*I don't like that there is not the concept for a 50m pool and/or multi-purpose larger pool space. Have a 50m pool outside that is capable of competition/sport and leisure usage would be advantageous with the 25m pool indoors that can be used also for recreation, teaching, community and sport use.*

*Pool needs to be 50 metres in length.*

*A 50M pool will be required in the future if as projected the population will only increase in the future. All the bells and whistles have been added to replace a simple and basic community facility which provides Olympic length swim lanes and room for community swimming education and recreation. It seems false economy to dig this pool out and start again - why not replace the so called faulty plumbing and give us back the pool?*

*Make a 50m pool available for ALL the swimmers the shire has.*

*I don't like the exclusion of a 50m outdoor pool. I visit lots of swimming pools and indoor 25m pools are hot and noisy. Training in 25m pools leads to inefficient swimming, which negatively impacts swimmers over longer distances triathlons, surf lifesavers and open water. It limits the opportunities for swimmers to training for Country, State and National levels. I train all year in a 50m pool, I don't know how my friends in the Batemans Bay/ Broulee and future generations of kids will be able to continue to swim competitively without having to drive to either Narooma or Ulladulla to access a 50m pool.*

*I'm appalled that Concept A does not include a 50m pool. It is a ludicrous, short-sighted, uninformed decision by Eurobodalla Shire Council to exclude a 50m pool from the business case for an Aquatic Centre in Batemans Bay. I suspect that the Council's poor decision were influenced in part by unsubstantiated and incorrect views regarding Aquatic facilities published in the Otium Planning Group concept plan and business case. Otium's final draft report purports that swimming pools were built for specialist or limited markets, when in fact Governments at all levels invested in public pools post WWII for many reasons including creating safer swimming environments, as memorials and an expression of freedom driven by removal of conventions of segregation and modesty. The Otium business case and NBRs Architecture Concepts demonstrate a lack of awareness and understanding towards the cultural significance and social aspects of public pools. The planning process which ESC has undertaken for the Batemans Bay pool demonstrates a very poor understanding of the impact of swimming pools on social capital.*

*The 25m will be too small for the town's needs and there seems little opportunity to expand it at a future date.*

*Lap pool should be 50 m x 7 lanes (Olympic standard).*

*I don't like the exclusion of a 50m outdoor pool.*

*I don't like indoor 25 metre pools, they are hot and noisy and not fun to swim in during Summer when I visit Batemans Bay. We visit Batemans Bay from Canberra each summer to swim outdoors not indoors.*

*The concept does not appear to provide adequate room for extending the 25-metre, 10-lane pool to 50 metres.*



*Pool is too small*

*25m Pool is a joke, it needs to be 50m for proper swim meets to attract other users , your spending money on other minor pools which will only create maintenance issues etc*

*Hate the fact it's a 25m pool. I feel it is very short sighted & inadequate. I personally know several fantastic, hardworking families who are moving because of the lack of an indoor 50m pool.*

*Hate the fact that it is a 25m pool. Big backward step, short sighted.*

*There is no 50m pool - Eurobodalla children will be at a disadvantage in regional swimming carnivals.*

*Replacement of existing outdoor 50m pool by 25m indoor pool. Disadvantage for serious swimmers and talented youngsters wanting to swim for competitive swimming.*

*We need a 50m pool to be included because people are going to Ulladulla to use their 50m pool. This makes no sense.*

*Because there is no 50m pool I won't go otherwise I would every day to train.*

*Pool size seems silly should be bigger.*

*It doesn't have a 50 metre pool so I can't use it.*

*Would prefer a 100 m pool in the design.*

## Theatre

### Size - Like

I like the size of the theatre.

Size of theatre built to attract level 2 events! Great!

350 seat auditorium, permanent raked seating.

### Size - Dislike

350 seating is not allowing for "popular" performances of Jazz concerts or Plays and for the future growth of area - or youth entertainment.

*Seating capacity of 350 is going to prove uneconomic having regard to demographic factors - numbers/age/catchment area.*

*I would have preferred a 500 seat theatre - I feel that there would have been enough room on the site for it. I don't like that there is fixed seating - would have preferred an area for exhibitions.*

*theatre is too small*

*Miniscule theatre!*

*Theatre seating of 350 too few for growing community if serious acts are to be encouraged to visit.*

*The auditorium-does this need to be 350, why not 300, save on budget a little*

*Theatre seating is less than the 400 available at the Soldiers Club, unlikely to meet demands of growing population.*

*Theatre is too small*

### Design - general

Give access by sliding panels or like, to theatre from sides and back openings into foyers both upstairs and downstairs to allow for extending seating when required.

I like the green roof as well on the first floor.

Like outdoor space on top of theatre space.

Layout of theatre complex esp. positioning of foyer and gallery.

Outdoor terrace x 2

Art areas have exterior access.

The theatre complex has some community spaces.

Design is too cluttered with small spaces. Building needs to be rotated to right to - make foyer closer to car parking, place outdoor area upstairs facing North/West overlooking wetlands and bridge approach (hopefully not potential 7 storey flats on Bowling Green site!!) and away from noise of Aquatic Centre.

Art gallery and adjacent small rooms off foyer abandon or reposition to make spacious foyer area with Art Gallery Display potential. Cannot dance /rehearsal room not go underneath or 1st floor like gym in Aquatic Centre?

Information/Tourism facility should be separate building in 'City Circle/Square area) adjacent to Aquatic Centre (where gym is placed on submitted plan)?? Place meeting rooms upstairs in Arts Building - out of the noise and away from public areas.

Lift repositioned to side of Auditorium/foyer. Declutter foyer by taking Tourism to separate building adjacent to pool. Access from parking area to be gently ramped for wheelchair access. Long vehicle parking to be at rear of parking area - preferably to left behind Aquatic parking side to avoid interrupting wetlands view from cultural balcony.

Theatre position and shape not squared with roadways.

I like that the art gallery is opposite the admin area.

Outdoor tce for theatre is a nice touch! (For intervals!). Purpose of green room not clear!

*There are insufficient toilet facilities and insufficient change rooms for performers. Having regard to have separate ones for adults/juveniles and males/females.*

*The theatre needs to have a slim style permanent bar/cafe in the foyer.*

*theatre up stairs*

*First floor outdoor terrace*

*No bar or food station for the first floor terrace on the theatre building seems a wasted opportunity.*

*The theatre is quite small - stage and seating.*

*No cafe in the theatre.*

*More female toilets are required than male. A smaller level bar as well as the roof top garden bar in the performance foyer to be utilised for quick service and available for the disabled.*

*Theatre is impractical re load in/out, seating capacity is too small for viability, awkward foyer access, disjointed and insufficient space for ancillary activities*

*No enough toilets theatre area.*

*Don't need a theatre.*

*No dedicated art gallery, where would art exhibitions be held. Purpose of "dry" wksp and "wet" wksp not explained. No art gallery for exhibitions. This is essential in the concept! Modify design to include art gallery. No extra cost!*

### **Wet/Dry Workshops**

I like the size of the wet workshop.

I don't mind the wet and dry work rooms being away from the theatre - as long as there is some kind of link between the spaces.

*Art workshops better attached to theatre/art facility.*

*Dry and wet workshops should be in Arts x 2.*

*Wet/dry workshops area should be on North side of theatre/arts complex. Place balcony and outdoor terrace on North/West side of building. Rotate theatre building.*

*Wet and dry workshops should be in theatre space.*

*I don't like that the dry and wet workshops are in the aquatic centre part, I think they are better off in the theatre part.*

*Art workshops should be in theatre complex for ease of exhibition and connection to auditorium.*

*Workshops beside gym would be noisy - locate in arts area.*

*The wet and dry workshop areas should be part of the theatre complex.*

*Art workshops next to gym don't work for me - too noisy - depending on style of gym, music etc*

*The dry and wet workshops seem to be attached to the gym rather than the arts centre.*

*Wet and dry workshops should be in arts centre building.*

*The workshop rooms should, I think, be part of the arts centre and not backed onto the gym (possible noise etc. from gym).*

*Wet and dry workshops as part of the Theatre complex.*

*Wet and dry art rooms are next to the gym - why? They would be better located near the gallery and culture space.*

*Art workshop rooms next to gym - surely not.*

*The wet & dry workshops should be attached to the arts complex.*

*Wet and dry workshops - location next to pool.*

*Why have wet and dry workshops attached to the gym and yet everything else is in the separate theatre building.*

*I dislike the art rooms next to the gym. Very strange.*

*Confused by the art workshops beside the gym, very strange.*

*Workshop rooms appear to be more logically located in arts centre.*

### General

IMPORTANT - Excellent acoustics

*I think the theatre and seating is a waste of money.*

*The arts centre, waste of money*

*I feel that the theatre should have sufficient catering facilities for events and conferences and perhaps a wine bar or brewery*

*the southerly location of the outdoor terrace;*

*Site position of theatre seems counter intuitive. Why have foyer/access face Princess Highway? No drop off facility - distance from parking.*

*It is hard to see if there are any public amenities in the theatre facility. There should be some for theatre goers.*

*There is no space for theatre props/costumes.*

### Art Gallery

#### Size

*The art gallery space is too small x 5*

*I think the Art exhibition area could have been larger*

*Art Gallery seems limited in space*

*Art gallery looks small compared to spaces allocated to other activities. Could it have walls that open up (sometimes) in the adjoining space? For bigger exhibitions.*

*Tiny art gallery - this seems "hidden away"*

*The gallery is quite small and would be better located next to the meeting room with a wall that can be removed temporarily for bigger displays.*

*Art gallery is small and out of the way - it should be placed more prominently to maximise traffic flow and increase sales.*

### Location

*I think it would be better to include the workshop spaces within the arts building rather than the aquatic centre to allow easier movement of works into display spaces if necessary and better connection with the arts space. Also the size of the gallery leaves a lot to be desired. If Batemans Bay is going to try and attract major touring exhibitions from institutions such as the agnsw, we need a formidable gallery space as part of the construction. While the Bas in Moruya maybe on track for small scale travelling shows we still don't have a location that can match regional centres like Orange or Albury. There is nothing between Nowra and Bega that comes close to the scale required.*

*The disconnection of the wet/dry workshop and the art gallery. An added experience to the art gallery could be seeing how the works of art are made.*

*Considering it's called an arts facility, the art gallery appears too disproportionate to the other areas. Could be bigger. There is no need for a gymnasium considering this town has four already. See also my notes at the end.*

*Entrance to art gallery /theatre seems a long way from car park. Art gallery too small - incorporate into foyer space.*

*Art gallery should be larger and close to tourist info and café area. The small one could also be kept in the theatre plan.*

### Aquatic

25m Pool x 2

I like that the lap pool is inside

25 metre with all the other areas is brilliant

I favour a 25m - 10 lane lap pool.

A good focus on the 25m main pool water body

25m pool. No need for 50m.

I like that the lap pool is 25m by 10 lanes, I think it's ample room for our community and as a swimmer I prefer 25m for laps.

The lap pool.

As a qualified swim instructor and coach with more than 30 years experience I like the indoor lap as these can be used all year round.

Would like section of indoor lap pool (equivalent to 2 lanes) for adult leisure as not all adults want to swim laps or do fitness classes.

### Learn To Swim

Learn to swim pool much better outside in natural light

*The fact that the learn to swim pool is inside as this allows our children to have access to lessons all year round.*

*Learn to swim pool should be inside as the weather changes will impact on classes. But if it was inside the building this could be reduced resulting with better class attendance.*

*Learn to swim pool outside less usable in the winter months and bad weather*

*Learn to swim pool is outside x 2.*

*The learn to swim pool needs to be included in the indoor component*

*Can the Learn to Swim be indoors so that it can be used all year round?*

*Learn to swim pool is outside. Not good for instructors or swimmers. They get too cold  
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*the learn to swim pool should be indoors for year-round usage.*

*Why have an outdoor learn to swim? it's a primary income generator and will only be able to be used 5 months of the year.*

*The learn to swim indoors would be better*

*Learn to swim should be inside.*

*I don't like the outdoor covered learn to swim pool outside because it needs to be indoors so kids can be taught all year round, regardless of weather and temperature.*

*Outside learn to swim area - (summer only)*

*The learn to swim pool is outside/colder - should be inside.*

*learn to swim outside*

## **Warm Water**

*Love there is a therapy pool.*

*Therapy pool for hydrotherapy and aqua aerobics.*

*As a qualified swim instructor and coach with more than 30 years experience I like the therapy pools as these can be used all year round.*

*The therapy pool is a great idea.*

*It is essential in all concepts that the warm water pool (hydrotherapy) have a ramp entry for disabled patrons. The Ulladulla pool doesn't have this, and it is a problem.*

*Insufficient room to sufficiently instruct warm water sessions.*

*Is the warm pool large enough for aqua fit classes?*

*Warm water or hydrotherapy pool? The plans and the council information are conflicting. Is this vagueness deliberate to mislead the community? True*

*Warm water pool (if it is meant to be a hydrotherapy pool I imagine) should be bigger are there a lot of older residents need a bigger one urgently.*

## **Slide Pool**

*Do not like the waterside.*

*Slides outside.*

*Why do you need water slides! Not required.*

*No waterslide - not required.*

*Small slide pool.*

*Slide pool is very limited. Would be a huge queue in summer.*

*Slide pool is inadequate.*

*No water slides*

### **Water Play/Leisure Pool**

The water play area because it's great for families.

The outdoor leisure pool that is covered but not enclosed.

Decent leisure pool layout.

Slides outside.

Noisy waterplay outside.

Like outdoor leisure pool - but can it be deep in one section for adults?

As there are 30+ attendees at one time doing aqua aerobics will the warm water pool be large enough?

With our aging population this will be an increasing need.

*I don't like that the leisure pool isn't undercover.*

*The Leisure pool is outdoors and my understanding is that would not be able to be used during the winter months.*

*Incorporate water play indoors for all year fun.*

### **General**

I like the indoor pools

Grandstand seating for short course competitions is good, maybe better on both sides and widen poolside area for officials at comps.

Love the slides and water play area.

Aquatic centre looks great. We do not need a 50m pool when this give us so many other options which will be used by many more.

Pool is suitable for water polo with ability to put lane ropes across the pool and use the width of the deep end.

I like the pool layout because its easy to get to each type of pool there.

I also like there is a function room in concept A in the aquatic facility, I think it would be great for kids birthday parties.

All the other water facilities are good.

I like outdoor swimming spaces.

Outdoor covered swim and play areas.

Do not like outdoor pools

Function room in aquatic centre - use for childrens birthday parties/swim clubs.

The aquatic centre has a good variety of water use areas.

Function room in aquatic facility.

The inside/outside of the water features.

Kids/leisure pools outdoors/option to move learn to swim to main pool in winter/inclement weather.

That the LTS and leisure pool are under cover.

Aquatic facility indoor lap pool etc.

*There is no family change room in aquatic area.*

*Separate Disabled change rooms and toilets near pool.*

*What about a diving/waterpolo pool?*

*I also don't like the location of the outdoor water facilities which are located on the Princess Highway side of the building. This will be a noisy area and not very pleasant for kids playing on the outdoor pools. It will also be cold as even I know that the prevailing wind summer breeze is a north-easterly and it gets cold playing on slides when the wind is blowing. Even on a boiling hot day at Big Splash feels cold when the wind is blowing as more time is spent outside if the water rather than in actually in it*

*The pool deck area shown is too small to support claims of hosting school carnivals, regional or State age events which require spaces for marshalling, officials, time keepers, coaches, competitors and spectators. – Spectator area is too small with approx. only 2.5m between seating and pool edge challenging to use during events.*

*It's too small There is not enough space around the pool. Swimming events get very crowded on pool deck with referees, starters, coaches and time keepers. There is not enough room for marshalling of events. There is no way this pool could handle hosting a NSW age event, it would even struggle to hold a school carnival. The location of the seating around the edge of the pool also restricts the opportunity to open the northern wall of the building; it would be hot for spectators' too. Hydrotherapy incorporates both dry-land and water-based sessions specific to individual requirements and are conducted by medical professionals anything other than this is just a warm pool.*

*The pools are indoors, which is disappointing as it is lovely to have aqua aerobics outdoors. Visitors to the area have commented on how good it is to be outdoors in the pool. The size of the pool is disappointing with our growing population.*

*heated pool must have deep end for leg cycling*

*the pool area is SQUASHED - isn't this meant to be an 51m \$ aquatic centre*

*Traffic directed into the 25m pool goes straight to the grandstand seating rather than the amenities.*

*There doesn't appear to be any toilets in the outdoor pool area which mean patrons will have to go through the main 25m pool area to access the toilets increasing congestion in the indoor pool area.*

*The outdoor pool areas on this concept seem to have limited access to the indoor area apart from the front foyer area.*

*The kids stuff is outside not indoors as promised*

*The pool is too small.*

*Distance to walk for families with children/toddlers/infants and wheelchair user from outside to change room amenities - safety concerns raised by this. Why not locate leisure/learn to swim pool closer to front of building?*

*The smaller water park area is not big enough for the amount of families that will use it over summer.*

*Why do you need 3 leisure/ play pools.*

*Waterplay away from leisure pool.*

*What is in the amenities? Does not seem to be enough for the facility. Is the warm water pool going to be gated? without any measurements*

*Function room needs to be accessible from 25m pool for swim club, parties, meetings of pool users. More storage space needed for swim club equipment and aquafit equipment.*

*Too many separate pools / water areas.*

*water play area, slide water area bit poor*

*All kids areas outside.*

*Incredibly small water park area for children! Since we have nothing at all for children to do within the local area it would be amazing to have a large water park component incorporated into the design.*

*20m pool is too small for the community of Batemans Bay!!*

*Pools are very small warm pool is way too small and 10 lane 25 metre pool is inadequate*

*Pools need to be reversed to allow parents using crèche or cafe to be closer to the LTS and leisure pool.*

*The location of the learn to swim & leisure pools; lack of space for swimming carnival marshalling competitors; insufficient seating for spectators*

*In addition to the omission of a 50 metre pool I don't think it makes sense to build a 25 metre pool indoor but to place the learn to swim pool outside. Most learn to swim activities are for babies to toddlers and they would get very cold and be deferred from swimming for life after swimming at this pool.*

*Pools and art workshop rooms should be north facing to take advantage of light and warmth.*

*There is no contingency or planning for extending the 25m to a 50m pool.*

*25m pool and other pools should be reversed - elderly, disabled, parents with young children need easier access whereas those using 25m pool would be happier to walk further.*

### **Outdoor Pools**

*Aquatic components outside, especially learn to swim and leisure - would be underutilised April - September and require extra supervision.*

*Leisure pool and learn to swim are outdoors, not available 6 mths of the year. the shade roof limits the size and height of the waterslide*

*learn to swim and small pool not covered-kids can use winter to learn to swim, it's not the same seasonal usage as water slide*

*Outdoor pools*

*The outdoor pools! The indoor aquatic centre needs pools to be ALL indoor for use year round. How do families with children of different ages and abilities have a safe and enjoyable experience year round with separate areas? Learn to swim classes need to be year round and in a heated pool (indoors), and children of all abilities need to be in a safe indoor environment available all year in the splash pool.*

*I also don't like how the childrens pools are outside, they need to be inside so changes in weather don't affect them eg rain, wind, storms, cold and heat. These pools should be indoors so swim classes can be run all year round.*

*That the learn to swim pool is outside. I like that the water play, slide pool and leisure pool are outside but for small children to be able to use the learn to swim pool all year round may be challenging if outside.*

*Leisure pool and slides are outdoors*

*learn to swim and small pool not covered-kids can use winter to learn to swim, it's not the same seasonal usage as waterplay.*

*Learn to swim pool cannot be outdoors - defeats the purpose of an indoor facility.*

*Pools are outdoors.*

*3. The water park and learn to swim pool are outdoors. Surely this will limit the use of these two assets. I would have thought the idea of this whole concept was to encourage its use over twelve months. It's not a good look in winter to see the "closed" sign up, when we need more winter activities to encourage tourists to our town.*

*Outdoor leisure pool & learn to swim - cannot be used in winter. Kids activities will have to be in the main pool or program pool in winter, not as good, and it would mean that at times the program pool is not available for therapy use because of kids activities*

*All pools to be indoors for year round use.*

*Part of the pools are outside, the idea of having an 'indoor aquatic centre' is to be able to use it all year. It would be a stupid concept to have the learn to swim pool outside as well as the waterslide, wouldn't be worth staying open all year if those two parts of the centre weren't open. Would be no different to the pool we have now!*

*Out door learn to swim , water play and water slides. Kids learn to swim all year round, would be a bit cold out there in the winter! Also, when kids finish their lesson they often like to go on the water slides Learn to swim and ay areas outside presume they will be shut most of the year?*

*Don't like the pools being outdoor. All water facilities must be indoor for year round use.*



*Learn to swim pool should be indoors or at least covered.*

*I don't like that the learn to swim, water play and slides are outside I think they should all be indoors. Learn to swim/leisure pool is outside. It will get too cold for the kids and prevent them from doing swim lessons in winter. Make the function room in aquatic facility glass so people can watch the pool from the room.*

*Outside pools. Need Indoor (Learn to swim). No swim club facilities.*

*That there are outside water bodies. I think the pool should be mirrored. Would like water slide start and finish indoors. I can't see a club room on the plan.*

*The outdoor aspects of the aquatic centre will significantly limit usage and therefore income.*

*Presumably they will be closed in colder months. To maximise usage and income, they need to be indoors for year round use and revenue generation. eg learn to swim and water slides will be significant revenue generators.*

*All pools should be under cover for use 12 months of the year.*

*Outdoor pools will be useless throughout winter.*

*The siting of the facilities should see all pools indoors.*

## Café

### Location

*I don't like that the café isn't near the leisure pool.*

*Café needs to be in shared space NOT to be focussed on Aquatic Centre, therefore relocate to more central boulevard area. A café is what brings social harmony to a community facility.*

*The café need to both view the pool and have connection to it, while also serving the theatre and art goes! Suggest larger and moved under the boulevard roof.*

*Café location - needs to be where water play is - with access window for pool users, for chips, lollies, drinks, coffee, and a nice seating and service area around the other side for Arts Centre users and others.*

*Cafe can't see pool.*

*Cafe could be enlarged and brought further around to the Function Room.*

*Cafe is attached to the aquatic facility*

*The cafe is not near the leisure pool or learn to swim and is a loss for parents.*

*Cafe location is boring. I don't like the location or the potential outlook from the cafe, it looks like a cafes located in a corner at a Bunnings store.*

*Location of the café is unappealing with no direct association to the pool.*

*The café should be closer to the slide pool and water play, learn to swim areas.*

*Café to be placed in area where parents can enjoy coffee, healthy snacks etc., and waych children and family members. It should be close to all venues within the precinct, placed possibly next to my proposed art gallery site and near entrance to the Arts performance centre.*

*Café in wrong place . Need to overlook childrens pool and accessible from inside and out.*

*Line of sight lacking - café to water play area - not good for parents.*

### General

*Is it really necessary to have yet ANOTHER cafe in Batemans Bay when the bay already has so many and there is already enough competition, having a cafe within the aquatic centre also means that once people are in the centre, they won't go into town to have a coffee they will just stay inside, is that really what we*

*want for the local businesses??*

*Need larger café - not a kiosk.*

## **Creche**

*Crèche should be central so can be used for both facilities.*

*Crèche being faraway from theatre in aquatic centres means likely not able to be used for theatre/workshops in which childcare could be required or very handy/important to have?*

*Crèche too far away from arts centre, gym and workshops to be useful.*

## **Mini Golf**

*No mini golf*

*What happens to the mini golf? It brings a lot of tourists to town.*

*Where is mini golf x 2*

*Where is the putt putt golf*

*1..There is no Mini Golf in any plan. This is an added all year activity that complements the precinct.*

*When was it decided to get rid of it?*

*However I hope the putt putt can find a proper home too because it is good value for residents and visitors*

*Where on earth is the mini golf going???*

## **Visitor Information**

*I think there should be a separate tourist information centre area*

*No Visitor Information Centre*

*No information centre*

## **Meeting Rooms**

*I also don't like that there is a function room, again I don't think this is needed considering how many hotels in Batemans Bay can provide function rooms and aren't doing that well, don't understand why the council would put a function room and compete with the local businesses?*

*Community meeting rooms way too small.*

*2..There appears to be limited space for the community use, as I believe there is plans to sell the community centre that we already have, the area in the concept plans should be comparable.*

*Also, it doesn't replace what the existing Community Centre has with meeting rooms and hall.*

*I don't see any dedicated Community Centre ?*

## What don't you like about Concept B, and why?<sup>2</sup>

### Dislike the Design

Not very much.

Nothing x 16

Nothing. It's just a reworking of Concept A.

I do not like it at all x 3

Not much actually. None of the concepts deal with a visitor information centre nor a Community Centre

Not much x 2

Concept B is not my choice.

Not much. Will all the park space around and between be usable or related to either centres? It looks wasted.

don't like

Not much. Maybe admin and meeting area may be quieter.

Not as good as C

Nothing compared to "C"

Not much. The two centres are not attached... that's about it x 2.

prefer concept A

A good design but I prefer A

Prefer A x 3

I do like this concept but A just looks better

Not my preference

not keen

*don't like*

*Everything x 3*

*Not a fan of this layout*

*Bad design*

*Everything. It's just a reworking of Concept A.....again*

*prefer concept A x 3.*

*Nothing listen to the community*

*Don't like the Concept - too limiting and shortsighted, in replacing the existing pool which has outgrown its timeline with a much smaller one and giving it no room to expand to in the future, all the emphasis seems to be in the Arts and and Theatre not on the users of the existing pool and meeting their needs moving forward*

*I like Concept A better, there is no benefit in this to Concept A.*

### Liked the Design

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<sup>2</sup> All comments provided by respondents with regard to: What you don't like about Concept B and why? (are in italics).

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This would be my pick as it caters better for more people and better design

Favourite Option!

Everything , it seems the most functional plan in my opinion

Everything! Well done. This is the ideal facility our community needs. Ignore the agitators who say we need a 50m pool - we don't! This concept caters for the needs of the majority of our local community and visitors. I have never used the current pool but would certainly use the indoor aquatic centre regularly, especially over the cooler months. It would also add a much needed attraction for tourists with younger children all year round.

This is my preferred design!!

The best design.

It's fine

Facilities look good

I like concept B, and would be happy to see it adopted over concept A if the wider community voted for it.

Like this too

well designed & fitted out to meet specs - well done to all concerned in this project

looks great. Lets get started.

I like most of this design

its ok

I like the layout better than concept A

This appears to work well, and similar to Concept A

Preferred option for me, nice wide separation of buildings.

Next best option after "A"

This is the best of the three, the gym is on the first floor and the crech just under neath makingit easy for parents to drop children and use the gym and the pool. the Theatre is separate and has designated areas for hospitality Bar and kitchen area and the green room dance rehearsal room

this is my perfered plan. the gym is up stairs, the childrens pools are indoor and there are seperate foyers for the aquatic center and the threate center

I like this concept as i think it works the best. 2 seperate buildings is what is needed. I love the idea behind having the outdoor pool play area be open air and then having all other pools inside. This concept i think would work best for tourist and families alike.

This would be my preferred option. I like all of the art and community under one area. I like the outdoor play area for the pool better. The layout of the community/meeting rooms upstairs looks better.

I like Concept B most. The wet/dry workshops and art gallery are all together which makes sense. Having the gym on a second storey means there is a larger green space between the two buildings. This provides more opportunity to really provide a nice place to wait for the theatre doors to open. People waiting for events would be able to sit in a nice area with trees and have a bit more space compared to Concept A. All the elements feel suitably placed.

Best of three

*I like everything. Well done!*

*Nothing x 7*

*I like everything about concept B*

*have no dislike of this concept*

*No real disadvantages*

*I love this concept x 2.*

*I like concept B the best.*

*Not much i dont like. This is my number 1 choice.*

*No real dislikes think it is the best option*

*No negative comments.*

*Nothing to dislike really*

*Nothing, just not as good as A*

### **General Comment re Layout**

I love the 'outdoor theatre' facility which allows for more diverse range of production styles and theatre companies to visit

If north facing, at least natural light included.

Extra space or different space eg foyers.

The ground floor facility. The appearance and layout.

outside the complex seating for cafe.

cafe more accessible for parents supervising children

Like clarity of functions in two separate buildings.

By separating entities specific management systems will be geared to specific uses (pool vs Arts).

More grass area. If opening doooooors on side of leisure pool and 25m pool it would allow crossbreezeand reduce noise level.

general layout nice and clean

Both building good, considered layouts. Well positioned on site. Good use of site and juxtaposition of buildings.

That service access to both pool plant and Theatre are away from public access!

Also that there is no function room is really good, we have enough hotels in Batemans Bay that would happily provide function rooms and aren't full all year long.

Café is in the aquatic facility servicing the foyer, public plaza and outdoor pool area. (There is a separate bar in the theatre.)

there is more garden space in the outdoor section

There is a nice open space between the buildings

efficient use of space (the smaller gym upstairs).

Not having gym/art rooms in a third structure in the middle. More spacious feel to aquatic facilities and more integrated feel.

Creche, café and gym exterior to pool area.

The creche , foyer and café are all close.

The art workshops beside the gym, very strange.

Lots of outdoor space.

Café and creche in aquatic centre. Meeting rooms on ground and first floor.

cafe and creche

It is good there is an indoor heated pool and the pool facilities are separate from the arts centre.

There appears to be a lot of parking.

The main waterplay and swimming areas are undercover and can be used all year round. Good plant room access for the aquatic centre but not for the arts centre. layout of admin/reception and cafe is very good. good to see the 25m pool and warm water pools.

wide boulevard between an opportunity for public art and simple 'sitting' space; all but waterplay indoors would encourage round year usage; wet and dry workshops and art gallery/theatre encourage a creative space, let the aquatic centre have the creche and gym and cafe. Community meeting space seems larger - hard to tell.

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Good use of area for different community interests

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Gym on 2nd floor allows more green space between buildings.

Drop off point needed especially for cultural centre where older clientele will attend.

Don't like the way level 2 overlooks gym/pool rather than river.

Smaller terrace, greenspace. Too square in design.

Not enough toilets.

Café and creche location should be close by 'learn to swim area' - parents wish to watch children and café location benefits from extra sales if parents are able to have a coffee etc whilst waiting for lessons or just watching small children play.

This complex was to be used all year round for all members, from adults to children, the slide and water park should be inside as promised. Are there enough toilets, showers. Will the Leisure Pool have a beach entry for the children?

Arts centre - remote from most parking looking at evening usage.

foyer too large

Toilets too far away from outside play.

The creche, café and foyer should be more connected to both the pool and theatre complex - at least by a covered walkway and seating/waiting areas.

Only one side. opening near pool. Need to add opening next to leisure pool for crossbreeze. Water play should be closer to leisure pool. Expansion to 50m pool? gym over creche may be too noisy.

Possibly move 25m to end of building for 2 sides. To open up but allowing for. Expansion to 50 m if needed.

Our door recreation area is wasted space the water play could be moved over & the indoor pool turned the other way & extended to 40 metres. We don't need another gym the one from across the highway could be linked somehow to save on money

I don't like: the exterior design of the arts complex (too square); the southerly facing outdoor terrace; location of the art gallery (needs to be closer to entrance);

Outdoor area near the highway, should be facing the park for relaxation, and to make it a meeting place also should be near the cafe

I would prefer to have the 2 areas joined by a boulevard to create shade/ weather protection but also gives a different feel to the area

Concept too spread out, should be closer together.

There doesn't seem to be a feeling of connection between the two buildings, Less connectivity and flow. Less road appeal than option 1

Not integrated enough

two levels - requires a lift - lots of costs involved and the positioning of the building looks odd on paper

Still under two separate roofs with multiple HVAC plant rooms. Poor service delivery for trucks to the arts centre. Seems to be a lot of wasted floor area on the site when one of the primary arguments is that there is limited room.

Still a lot of wasted space. 2 Foyers.

No connecting pathway between facilities.

Wet/dry workshops should be north facing for good lighting. Foyer too cluttered - Tourism should be outside in Square region. Foyer needs to be spacious - for exhibition purposes and public movement. Meeting rooms upstairs. Swing building around to North for entry off car parking.

layout

the outdoor area where the water slide has a smaller green area with designated seating etc. Would be nice to have set up tables and chairs with shelters for people to sit and eat. Our door BBQ would be good too.

isolates each facility

Looks like 2 separate facilities

Cafe and gym are too separate from everything, warm water pool may be benefited by moving it to

*look outside across gardens and not into a carpark or having no windows at all.*

*Small separate spaces for different functions. No allowance for multifunction spaces. Cafe is small. Amenities should be placed so they could be shared.*

*No function room shown and gym is on top level.*

*Foyer is too small and congested for the range of services proposed for the space - ie, reception for pool, gym users, cafe seating and visitor information services/information and appealing destination gateway display (as per design principles outlined in appendix 1B of the management plan). Retail space is small and doesn't show what type of retailing it will display (ie souvenirs/gifts, or sports apparel and equipment) - POS or storage for the retail space is not identified.*

*the cafe and creeche are too small*

*separate without cover in between*

*Why do you need 3 leisure/ play pools. Make a 50m pool available for ALL the swimmers the shire has. Nothing seems big enough for any real purpose , all just to tick a box..*

*need a bigger outdoor area. Missing seating and maybe some BBQ's?*

*The gallery and meeting room should be adjacent to allow both to be used together for larger meetings/art displays.*

*There is plenty of green space around the complex. Move the cafe, crèche and foyer to the space between arts centre and pool to have more room to extend the pool to 50m*

*The central corridor could be used/designed for concert spill and will need to be covered.*

*More storage space needed in both buildings for users.*

*Amenities location too far from outdoor area.*

*no playground area x 2*

*Too much open space. Need more car parking.*

*No Olympic pool, Too many aquatic features outdoors, inadequate spaces for swimming club and equipment storage, no obvious first aid room, parking too far from arts complex, community spaces too small, arts and community spaces can't be isolated, no smaller performance space, no mini-golf, Limited features restrict ability to attract maximum numbers of patrons thereby revenue. No idea what is planned for bowling club site and how/if the developments can be integrated/complimentary.*

*Theatre design too square, does not look as good as Concept A. Same comment re parking.*

*Plant room on street elevation. Need to take care that how the building looks on the highway does not add to the already ugly visual appearance of highway.*

### **Separation of Aquatic/Arts**

That the pool and theatre are separate x 51

In terms of noise, I see the separation of the buildings as sensible

Separate cultural facility

Love the separate buildings. I know the cost will be greater but end result far better - think future, the big picture.

Separate buildings

I like the concept of it being separate, and having separate foyers, café, creche etc.

Separate buildings - different purposes, different users. Separate foyers - different purposes, different users.

Separate the 2 completely different functions - keeps pool/theatre apart.

Love that the 2 buildings are separate and have own foyers.

Separation of Theatre and pool. No wet areas around theatre area. The smell of chlorine if being used is not desirable

Separate buildings; aspect to the north; better outdoor flow between the buildings.

Separate buildings means less confusion and traffic/people jams when there are concurrent events.

that the theatre is separated from the pool facility makes sense for noise

Separate foyers

theatre is separate

Separate buildings. No chance of moisture damage or mould to the theater complex from the aquatic complex. No chemical odour in the theater complex from the aquatic complex. Both complexes will have completely different uses and different hours of operation.

Like the separation if pools are getting maximum sun. Smells and noise are not interfering with Arts area

Separate buildings for theatre and arts/with own foyers.

There is some separation of the theatre from noisier aquatic functions.

Theatre and aquatic centre are separate. Aquatic and theatre components have their own foyers.

Like the separation of pool/gym and theatre, pool humidity and chlorine would not be pleasant for theatre goers. Also, I believe it's logical to have the two activities separated.

I like that there is a separation between the majority of the arts precinct and the aquatic centre. This will avoid artworks being displayed and the theatre being affected by chemicals used in the aquatic facility. It also gives opportunity for there to be a relaxed atmosphere in the aquatic space while potentially having a formal atmosphere on occasion in the arts precinct. I also like the balance between having both internal and external spaces for aquatic activity.

all art and theatre in same building; aquatic and gym in same building; indoor facilities for year-round usage - FINALLY!!

I like that the arts centre with the theatre is separated from the aquatic centre, like concept A, I think that's really important especially for the Arts community. I don't think you can really mix these two together in my opinion.

Arts is spacious and separate

Prefer the fully separated section as this gives individual focus to each

*Don't like that the two facilities are separate.*

*Separation has the downside of drawing a barrier between people too - and may not allow as much community engagement / ideas*

*2 buildings not as cost effective as 1.*

*Separate foyers*

*Two separate buildings is a problem.*

*Two separate buildings.*

*I'm not in favour of fully separating the buildings.*

*Duplication of admin and foyer areas for both separate spaces. Cost of two separate lifts in each building as gym on second floor of aquatic building.*

*I don't like that they're separate, as I worry about the cost. Arts: I personally feel the arts facility is far too much and needs to be scaled back. Whatever happened to the flat-floor auditorium with retractable seating and movable walls? The dance rehearsal space is huge, the art gallery space is tiny. The meeting room should be on par with the Batemans Bay Community Centre space, it looks on the small side in the concept. I don't feel both wet and dry workshop rooms are needed – just have one wet workshop room, and use it for dry if needed, or one of the other rooms. I feel the aquatic facilities could be scaled back – while the waterslides would be wonderful, I feel they could be removed but I would be interested to know the costings. I don't like that there is no function room in the aquatic facility and I don't know what outdoor recreation is, but I don't like that there is no playground as in concept C.*

*Having the facilities completely separate works against the natural "flow" of the space. Also means that some of the landscaping needs to be doubled up.*

*Separate receptions*

*Two buildings, expensive in all aspects of construction, Maintaining and high operational costs*

*Extra cost to have 2 foyers etc*



*2 seperate buildings means more staff.*

## Other Comments

Lift is included.

Waste of money

I just like the fact that we are getting something that could be special

Everything that is needed is available

Too expensive we cannot afford the running costs

it appears to have more focus on the water activities

I will leave the Arts Centre to the people who know what is wanted.

Less noise for the theatre

Like the overall shape.

Two buildings OK

I Like: surrounding gardens and parking facilities.

Foyer entrances common in direction

Good to have cafe and crèche

This is a great layout and should keep everyone happy

Exterior design preferred.

B is indoors as this is the main reason for the complex in Batemans Bay.

Again, the attraction of the new will always outweigh the old and tested and this may be what gets this design through

The complex will be a fantastic additional resource for the town. It has been sorely needed!

Why does this question require an answer?

Further for the 25 people interested in the arts than the many patrons for the aquatic centre to walk.

I really think on the two concepts they are really good .i would be happy with both.

Does Council now prefer OTIUM 2? No comparative costings of separate facilities or concept plans - will they all cost \$51M? Where is the break-down?

*Theatre and aquatic centre should not be together. Aquatic centre should be a part of a sports centre with other sports. Theatre (if required) should be separate. GYM - really not necessary - there is 3 already.*

*Wasted space between building.*

*Overall this concept moves away from the key principal of financial sustainability - eg there will be duplication of staffing and waste of space - two foyers, gym not on second floor, not as attractive to people - ie cannot go to the cafe while at the theatre etc. Facilities should be shared to maximise useage. Many reasons this is not an attractive concept.*

*No planning or capacity to expand 25m pool to 50m despite Council saying they could look at doing that in the future. No showing where Highway, Bridge ramps etc impact/go in relation to the centre.*

*Complex is attempting to be too many things to too many interests.*

*Redesign either A or B to include a visitor information centre and make a stand alone area for community activities*

*That Council is spending money on an a theatre and gym which will be in direct competition with private enterprise and not be a well appointed gym.*

*And again the idea of a rooftop bar/restaurant would greatly improve the nightlife of the community It barely relates to the highway frontage, the southern wall is still a fort, and the east theatre wall similarly.*

*Waste of money*

*This complex needs to be at Hanging Rock to allow better usage and in turn a better income for ESC*

*Have adequate parking spaces been allocated when all facilities in use.*

*They should be on separate sites.*

*May mean one facilities are not funded and constructed together.*

*Again bus parking? Where is mini golf?*

*Assume there is disability/lift access throughout. Very important especially for gym and meeting rooms.*

*I don't understand the link between swimming and the arts. Why on earth combine the two in one complex?*

*I don't like the box style.*

*What is a plant room that seems like a waste of space*

*What is a green room? Why are there so many meeting rooms?*

*It's not big enough.*

*I can't seem to work out the size of anything.*

*Hate the fact it's a 25m pool. I feel it is very short sighted & inadequate. I personally know several fantastic, hard working families who are moving because of the lack of an indoor 50m pool. I dislike the art rooms next to the gym. Very strange. Wld prefer to see a sporting precinct similar to Wollongong with aquatic, athletics & tennis on 1 location. I am confused as to why we need an arts centre combined with a pool??*

*too expensive we cannot afford the running costs*

*The arts centre should be somewhere else.*

*Location should be at Hanging Rock.*

*These maps don't show what size things are.*

*All the rest.*

*not as fluid*

*Unwelcoming appearance from the cbd. Also, no bar/cafe! Hopeless for theatregoers. Nor does it replace facilities we already have in BB.*

*Will there be shade sails over the outdoor areas? This is really important in summer. Is there space for a children's playground and picnic area? So many local businesses are dying, I would hate to see this be another casualty.*

*Seems the best option as no 50m pool.*

*Seems the best option -*

*The Arts Centre*

*Concepts look like designs by a school group.*

*Shld be a 50m pool with combined sporting complex instead of a combined arts centre. Wld prefer to see basketball courts relocated & put arts centre at Hanging Rock. Arts centre with aquatic centre is an odd combination. Losing the 50m pool is a huge backward step.*

## **Prefer gym on ground floor**

*Upstairs gym x 5*

*Gymnasium less accessible on first floor.*

*Gym upstairs - not easily accessible (elderly, disabled etc).*

*Gym cannot be upstairs due to the noise of weights being dropped. Go into Target and you will hear what its like when gym sessions are on.*

*gym better on ground flr*

*Gym upstairs and away from the aquatic centre*

*gym on the first floor /access*

*Having a gym upstairs might put older people off using it if lifts not available*

*Prefer gym on bottom floor and open upstairs*

*Too noisy having gym upstairs for underneath*

### **Prefer gym upstairs**

Gym is upstairs x 12

Gym OK upstairs (if a lift).

Gym upstairs which might mitigate noise levels coming from the gym to the swimmers.

Gym on first floor - not really in favour of inclusion of a gym, but apparently necessary.

Gym on second floor - space saver.

gym on higher floor

I also like that they gym is upstairs and separate from other facilities. This way, it can have its own feel and has the potential to be a separate business in the space.

I like the gym location.

I like gym on top of aquatic centre - reduced footprint.

Good use of space putting gym above pool.

The gymnasium is upstairs but has views of the pool area.

### **General**

Like gym near reception and on 1st floor.

separate gym area.

*Do not like the idea of building an extra floor to house the gym.*

*Gym area - needs to be multipurpose.*

*If the gym is on the first floor it will require 24/7 access. Toilets needed on first floor. The gym will require sufficient area to house the following: a permanent spin room, exercise floor area, permanent weights room plus admin, shop, therapy rooms and change room facilities with showers and toilets.*

*Toilets must be provided on the first floor.*

*That the gym is isolated - place it back as per Concept A.*

*i don't like the smaller gym floor, limiting the amount of equipment.*

*the gym is too small. it needs to be bigger so the people who use the gym don't feel boxed in.*

*but gym is via pool?*

*Gym needs to be bigger. More space, more people = better \$\$.*

*If the gym is bigger the people using the gym will be more comfortable as they won't be in each others way making it more likely they will visit again.*

*The location of the gym is odd. Gyms are not quiet places! There is loud music, classes, weights being dropped etc. In this concept the gym overlooks the foyer and means that people headed/ and leaving the gym have to pass through the common foyer for the theatre mixing people in gym gear (and smells) with the theatre patrons. Ugh!!! I am both a gym person and a theatre goer. Won't work!!!*

### **No requirement for gym**

I also like that there is no gym in this concept, I don't think we need another gym when we have one across the road.

We don't need another gym across the road from the other one and that space could be used for the extra space for the 25 metre pool and hydrotherapy pool.

*Too many gyms. No need for another*

*Don't want the gym. There are plenty in the town.*

*You don't need a bloody Gym.*

*Don't understand why a Gym is being included in the complex. This facility is not needed when you consider the number of privately owned gyms in the Batemans Bay area and shire in general. Further the omission of the Gym will provide the room to fit a 50m pool, which the community wants.*

*No gym x 3.*

*There is no need for a gymnasium considering this town has four already.*

*a gym when bb already has 4?*

*We don't need another gym.*

*A gym is not needed when there are already two good gyms in the CBD.*

*Don't need another gym to compete with others in town x 2*

*Why have a gym at a leisure centre when there are others in town?*

*Unnecessary gym on FIRST FLOOR (!) - noise and vibration to adjacent spaces*

*Do we need a gymnasium when several in town.*

### **Dislike design on basis of no 50m pool**

Nothing - it needs to include a 50 metre pool. Building a 25 metre pool is like replacing the Bay bridge with a single lane bridge.

Nothing, needs 50m pool x 4

I like nothing about Concept B it only has a 25m pool. Our community NEEDS a 50m pool. Schools cannot hold carnivals and compete when swim times are a vital component. All schools will have to go to Narooma to hold carnivals, how ridiculous. We are a big enough community to warrant a 50m pool. I don't like anything about Concept B. It must include a 50 metre pool to be considered as real Aquatic centre.

Nothing it's crap where is the 50m pool

### **Design lacks a 50m pool**

Needs a 50m pool x 2

Concept B does not meet the requirements of the Eurobodalla community. In an area where swimming is important we need a 50 metre pool. This is the acceptable standard for swimmers.

Not the 25m pool!

I will not be using 90% of these facilities would prefer 50m even if it is outside then water parks Gyms a theatres

All the other water facilities are good but still no 50m pool.

*No 50M pool x 37*

*Only a 25M pool - a lot has been said about losing our 50M pool. Maybe a 50 metre ocean pool.*

*Disappointed that we are accepting 25 metre it will never be 50 metre. Whilst I realise you can learn to swim in 25 metres, we live in 'surf location' and children need extra water skills, also we are not going to be competitive out of area unless suitable training (close to home without travelling) is available.*

*My experience of teaching children who only have a 25m pool to swim in (Braidwood), didn't have the stamina to compete with children from towns with 50m pools. They competed in Region Carnivals but fell short. 50m is essential for all child swimmers for safety reasons.*

*The pool should be 50 metres. If the job is going to be done why not invest in the future and do it properly? 50m pool would make this a wonderful facility.*

*The length of the pool too small.*

*The council has said, you can train, do laps and carnivals in a 25 metre pool. Of course you can, but you can't have accurate times recorded. It is not feasible to go to Narooma 50 metre pool for a carnival. Having a 50 metre pool could be promoted on the tourism map for Batemans Bay. Imagine the Canberra AIS coming here for a holiday and training sessions, water polo could be promoted.*

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*Aquafit is very popular and very crowded now, how will they manage in a 25 meter pool? I beg you to have a rethink on the 25 metre pool.*

*I think a 50 metre pool is essential.*

*Does not include 50m pool. must have 50m pool*

*That the 50mtr pool is not incorporated into the design*

*It does not have a 50m pool. I am discussed with our council that they believe that it is worth going to the expense to build a 25m pool, when the community wants a 50m pool. I do not know 1 person that agrees with a 25m pool. This decision makes me want to move out of the Eurobodalla Shire due to small minded decisions. Our section of the community is VERY angry about council not building a 50m pool.*

*It's not a 50 meter pool. Waste of time and money making a smaller pool. I'd rather have no facilities and a 50 meter pool.*

*No 50 m pool so I will travel to Ulladulla and not spend money in this shire husbands family have continually lived here for nearly 60 years I personally 34 years. Had enough*

*No 50m pool. Save the money if you are not going to build what the community wants.*

*Inadequate main pool length.*

*The pool is too small.*

*There should also be an outdoor 50m pool like at Ulladulla.*

*The plan is negligent in not providing an adequate pool of 50 metres.*

*It replaces the wonderful outdoor attraction that is the well loved 50m Olympic pool which could easily be restored to health and utility if proper maintenance were done. We can send people to the moon - why can't we repair a pool?*

*dislike the 25mtr pool.*

*To not have a 50m pool in the main HUB Batemans Bay the heart of the Eurobodalla is very disappointing and is not supporting our current future athletes with the proposed. I have no doubt that interested parties have had their pockets lined well.*

*A push for a 50m pool would be good as local schools rely on it for activities and locals for practice, something they will now have to travel for.*

*No 50m pool putting children at a disadvantage.*

*Replacement of existing 50m outdoor pool by 25m indoor pool is barrier for serious swimmers doing competitive training.*

*No 50m pool in either the indoor or outdoor water space. Having pools that can be for community, sport, recreation and leisure are essential and will ultimately serve the community. The consideration for parking and space for all concepts need to be considered, with higher usage has parking been considered in the design so that space is utilised?*

*The size of the main pool at 25m seems on the small side. i think considering a convertible system like what is used in Junee Aquatic centre would be beneficial giving a 50m pool in summer but closing it off to 25m in winter months. This would allow for correct training to occur in the on season while stop giving access to the pool year round.*

*Firstly, there's a 25m pool not a 50m pool!*

*25m Pool is a joke, it needs to be 50m for proper swim meets to attract other users, your spending money on other minor pools which will only create maintenance issues etc*

*Nothing major at all.. EXCEPT ONLY A 25 mt pool.. I can't work out how this day of kids doing so much training and older people ( I am one of these)love a 50mt pool.. I think it is a BAD MISTAKE.. BUT I AM ONLY ONE...I would like to see the numbers of people that think the same.*

*25 metre pools are hot and noisy and not fun to swim in during Summer. As an ACT/National level swimmer I visit Batemans Bay from Canberra each summer and like to continue my training outdoors in a 50 metre pool. Shortcourse swimming is limited to winter and even then most swimmers continue training in a 50 metre pool as a swimmers technique is poorly impacted by regular 25 metre training. In addition to this concept not including a 50 metre pool, concept B is would be unpleasant as the*

*Leisure pool is inside.*

*no outdoor swimming pool; no 50m pool. Council needs to think longterm - what is the forecast for the Eurobodalla, will we need to expand further in 10 plus years and put that into consideration I don't like the exclusion of a 50m outdoor pool. I visit lots of swimming pools and indoor 25m pools are hot and noisy. Training in 25m pools leads to inefficient swimming, which negatively impacts swimmers over longer distances triathlons, surf lifesavers and open water. It limits the opportunities for swimmers to training for Country, State and National levels. I train all year in a 50m pool, I don't know how my friends in the Batemans Bay/ Broulee and future generations of kids will be able to continue to swim competitively without having to drive to either Narooma or Ulladulla to access a 50m pool. #Outdoor facilities in windy and noisy location. I don't like the location of the outdoor facilities on the Princess Highway side of the building. This will be a noisy area and not very pleasant for kids playing. It will also be cold, the prevailing north-easterly summer breezes will make it cold on slides. Even on a boiling hot day at a waterpark it feels cold when the wind is blowing when you are wet. #It's too small There is not enough space around the pool. Swimming events get very crowded on pool deck with referees, starters, coaches and time keepers. There is not enough room for marshalling of events. There is no way this pool could handle hosting a NSW age event, it would even struggle to hold a school carnival. The location of the seating around the edge of the pool also restricts the opportunity to open the northern wall of the building; it would be hot for spectators' too. #Cafe location is boring. I don't like the location or the potential outlook from the cafe, it looks like a cafes located in a corner at a Bunnings store. #Warm water or hydrotherapy pool? The plans and the council information are conflicting. Is this vagueness deliberate to mislead the community? True hydrotherapy incorporates both dry-land and water-based sessions specific to individual requirements and are conducted by medical professionals anything other than this is just a warm pool.*

*I'm appalled that Concept B does not include an outdoor 50m pool.*

*Olympic standard sized pool preferred. What about a diving/waterpolo sized pool?*

*There is no 50m pool included. How is a 10 lane 25m pool going to cater for the swimming club, lap swimmers and classes? How is a 10m x 17m "program pool" going to cater for hydrotherapy?*

*Because there is no 50m pool I won't go otherwise I would every day to train.*

*I don't like the exclusion of a 50m outdoor pool. I visit lots of swimming pools and indoor 25m pools are hot and noisy. Training in 25m pools also leads to inefficient swimming, which impacts swimming over longer distances triathlons, surf lifesaving, open water swimming. I train all year around in a 50m pool, I don't know how my friends in the Batemans Bay and Broulee and future generations of kids will be able to continue to swim competitively without having to drive to either Narooma or Ulladulla to access a 50m pool.*

*Need olympic pool - laps , carnivals at all levels.*

*It doesn't have a 50 metre pool so I can't use it.*

*Pool is too small x 3.*

*No 50m pool. The water play could go in the other space on other side of slide so that a 50 m could go there. Again no other room for families to gather aside from the stand and segregation for outdoor and indoor. Would prefer them to be intertwined via open/close doors.*

*Pool size seems silly should be bigger.*

## Theatre

### Size - Like

*Theatre is nice and big.*

350 seat auditorium, permanent raked seating.

### Size - Dislike

*Theatre seating of 350 should be 500.*

*Seating capacity of 350 is going to prove uneconomic having regard to demographic factors - numbers/age/catchment area.*

*How disappointing that the seating capacity is 350 people!*

*Theatre seat allocation of 350 inadequate for fast growing population and tourists if serious acts are to be sought for entertainment.*

*The tiny little theatre looks as though it has been planned to address the needs of a select few in the community rather than a truly inspiring arts centre that would could draw visitors to the area and house both theatre productions, concerts and art exhibitions.*

*theater not large enough*

*Theatre is too small x 2.*

*Theatre 350 too small.*

### Design

Like Theatre building with associated amenities.

Outdoor terrace.

Outdoor terrace area on first floor of theatre complex should offer great views

Bar in theatre is good.

Theatre orientation - How about rotating another 45 degrees clockwise?

Art workshops in theatre complex. Meeting rooms in theatre complex. Art workshops proximate to gallery space.

Outdoor terrace.

Art spaces all together

I like the green roof on the first floor.

Outdoor terrace.

I like the co-location of art workshops and gallery.

*There are insufficient toilet facilities and insufficient change rooms for performers. Having regard to have separate ones for adults/juveniles and males/females.*

*Theatre is impractical re load in/out, seating capacity is too small for viability, awkward foyer access, disjointed and insufficient space for ancillary activities*

*Can't see where the toilets are in the theatre area; accessibility for those unable to negotiate stairs; proximity to cafe and potential for cafe patrons to use outdoors.*

*Square 'block' building (theatre) alignment with roads may - will - create a very urban intersection especially given the height requirements of a proper theatre space.*

*Foyer for theatre less inviting than Concept A.*

*Make theatre the 'hero' move workshops to side/back.*

*Hard to see the public amenities area for the theatre (it should be accessible and nearby).*

*I feel that the theatre should have sufficient catering facilities for events and conferences and perhaps a wine bar or brewery*

*Theatre, I feel I can shoot holes in this plan. Just think about the concept that you have meeting rooms, dance rehearsal room, Art Gallery. So if you plan to derive income from all of these rooms what happens when the theatre is being used for a function? I can only see one set of toilets for all of these.*

*I'm not counting the ones in the change rooms. Does it mean that all regular groups have to cancel their meetings and classes. Art Gallery included in this. Toilets in the theatre in the middle of the foyer? Kitchen and bar ever so small to service a full house. where is there space behind the stage for a stage manager? How is the outdoor area serviced on the first floor when a function is on at the*

*theatre. Are there toilets up there as there are squares everywhere but what are they? I think it is a very big mistake to put a fixed theatre seating. I know the gentleman at the village centre said they had surveyed several places but I totally disagree. This stops a general use for conferences and theatre music halls. I could go on and on but I hope someone would take into account that I have been involved with the Bay Theatre Players since its inception. Was president when we converted our theatre in Gregory Street. Retired now but am very concerned about these plans as a whole.*

*No bar or food station for the first floor terrace on the theatre building seems a wasted opportunity. The arts centre is too far away from the parking - no good for night time events. There is no pre theatre or post theatre restaurants and cafes. I question how much use the gym and outdoor water areas will be used - these should be replaced with a restaurant strip. Will be used by many more people all year round. The theatre is quite small - stage and seating. Changing the orientation of the theatre makes it easier for patrons to get to foyer.*

*No cafe in the theatre.*

*Don't need theatre.*

### 25m Pool

25m pool x 2

Like 25 metre pool option rather than 50 metre pool.

Agree 25 metre pool likely to be more versatile than 50m pool

I like that the lap pool is 25m by 10 lanes, I think it's ample room and as a swimmer I prefer 25m for laps.

The lap pool.

Lap pool etc

### LTS

Indoor learn to swim area.

The learn to swim pool is inside x 3

I like this better as the learn to swim pool is indoor

The learn to swim is in the aquatic centre

Learn to sym indoors

learn to swim pool is inside building ensuring any weather all day use

learn to swim indoors

I like that the learn to swim pool is indoors. This is essential when it comes to teaching children how to swim through out the year. I believe that this is something that needs to be utilised year round.

Learn to swim pool will be inside and can be used all year and all weather

that the learn to swim pool is inside.

The learn to swim pool is inside with all the facilities.

Learn to swim pool is inside x 2.

*Learn to swim' should be open air and natural environment, covered against sun and weather*

### Outdoor Pools

All pools are inside - helps reduce impacts created by weather thus more controllable indoors equals more people using the facility

Four pools indoors - able to be used all year in all weathers.

More of the pool areas are indoors

The Learn To Swim and Leisure pools are indoors so can be used all year round. This is my choice.



Leisure pool & learn to swim is inside

Has more pools indoors.

Leisure pool and learn to swim pool are inside.

Learn to swim and leisure pools indoors - year round use.

I like all indoors for learn to swim for year round lessons.

Love that all main pools are indoors

Leisure pool and learn to swim are indoors allowing year round use. 25 metre 10 lane pool is very good

More indoor pool areas which means useable year round and so greater usage.

Waterplay area and waterslides are outdoors.

Learn to swim is covered/indoors making it more useful year round.

The learn to swim pool is included in the inside area and therefore better for children using that part of the pool.

Like that the all pools are indoors.

I like all the pools being indoors.

I like that the leisure and learn to swim is inside, it's much more sensible.

Leisure and learn to swim indoors.

*Water play areas and waterslides are outdoors - everything should be indoors, it's too cold 9 months of the year here.*

*All pools need to be undercover.*

*The wet play pool (if this is aimed at children of all abilities) is still outdoor and only usable in the warmer months, and essentially splitting families watching children of different ages and abilities.*

*Still find it silly that part of the aquatic centre is outdoors*

*Water slides and water play are outside?*

*The water play plus waterslides need to be indoors so they can be used on a cold rainy day also on a hot sunny day more sun protection.*

*The slide pool and water play needs to be indoors. Parents are more likely to use as the kids won't get burnt during summer and it will be used in winter.*

*I would prefer that the play areas and slides of the aquatic facility were indoor to allow for year round use. This will create an income over the winter months and offer another thing to do in Batemans Bay. That there are outside water bodies. I think the pool should be mirrored. Would like water slide start and finish indoors.*

*Move outdoor play indoors for all year round fun.*

*The water park is still outdoors. Surely this will limit the use of this asset. I would have thought the idea of this whole concept was to encourage its use over twelve months. Its not a good look in winter to see the "closed" sign up, when we need more winter activities to encourage tourists to our town.*

*The waterplay area should be inside... mothers like to bring their kiddies to the pool in winter.*

*The outdoor play areas and slides are outside and only opened seasonally. With young children - this is the section of the facility that we would utilise most. My children are not competitive swimmers, but love to be in the water - the downside of the current facility is that it is closed during the winter months. This concept plan still does not give us access to the childrens waterplay and slides during winter.*

*The siting of the facilities should see all pools indoors. Pools and art workshop rooms should be north facing to take advantage of light and warmth.*

*All pools should be under cover for use 12 months of the year.*

*Not all pools are indoors which was an original guarantee.*

*Kids pools outside making them useless more than half the year.*

*Don't like the pools being outdoor. All water facilities must be indoor for year round use.*

*The outdoor aspects of the aquatic centre will significantly limit useage and therefore income.*

*Presumably they will be closed in colder months. To maximise useage and income, they need to be indoors for year round use and revenue generation. eg learn to swim and water slides will be significnat revenue generators.*

### Café

#### Location

*I don't really like that the café is far away from the leisure pool*

*Café location needs to be where water play is - with access window for pool users (chips, lollies, drinks, coffee) and a nice service and seating area around the other side for arts centre users and others.*

*Cafe should be centrally located between indoor facility and outdoor water play area, to allow parent supervision*

*Position of cafe*

*Cafe is attached to the aquatic facility*

*Cafe is not near the pool area. You end up with wet kids walking through the building to st to food.*

*Parents like to be closer to pool area*

*the cafe is outside of the pool*

*Café too far away from water slide and child's pool.*

*The café should be between the Arts centre and the waterplay as parents won't be able to visit the café while children are playing.*

*Café needs to be moved to be more central.*

*Café in wrong place. Need to overlook children's pool and accessible from inside and out.*

*Line of sight from café to learn to swim/play areas not clear.*

*The café and tables are too far from the play area.*

*I don't like that there is a cafe in the centre, I don't think this is needed, people who come to the centre should be encouraged to go have a walk into town and get a coffee there, supporting the local businesses.*

*#Cafe location is boring. I don't like the location or the potential outlook from the cafe, it looks like a cafes located in a corner at a Bunnings store.*

*Café far away from everything.*

*Cafe location is boring. I don't like the location or the potential outlook from the cafe, it looks like a cafes located in a corner at a Bunnings store.*

#### General

*I don't like that the cafe only leads to the outside.*

*Café could be larger - not kiosk size.*

*Café is inappropriate in aquatic centre - a bar does not serve the same purpose as a café. This is unfair placement for what can serve as a social hub for both theatre and aquatic sectors.*

#### Crèche

*The crèche is separated from the Arts Centre.*

*Crèche in aquatic centre.*

*The crèche needs to overlook the outside pools.*

*Crèche being at opposite end from theatre.*

*Crèche too far from theatre/workshops.*

*Crèche has no outdoor area.*

### **Mini Golf**

*No mini golf x 2.*

*A mini golf area is leisure and part of a coastal holiday.*

*No space for mini golf which is an important activity. Go back to Otium concept.*

*There is no Mini Golf in any plan. This is an added all year activity that complements the precinct.*

*When was it decided to get rid of it.*

*Where is put put golf given space?*

*Maybe the existing Minigolf could be accommodated somehow; it is a popular tourist attraction - if not on the current site then Council could relocate them, maybe to Corrigan's.*

### **Visitor Information**

*No information centre.*

*No Visitor Information Centre*

### **Meeting Rooms**

*Community meeting rooms.*

*Comm. Meeting rooms - accessible by all users.*

*Meeting room space should be used often.*

*The meeting room seem large and off foyer which is good.*

*Are more meeting facilities required?*

*There appears to be limited space for the community use, as I believe there is plans to sell the community centre that we already have, the area in the concept plans should be comparable.*

## **Attachment C – Comments for Concept C**

### **What do you like about Concept C, and why?**

### **What don't you like about Concept C, and why?<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</sup> All comments provided by respondents with regard to: What you don't like about Concept C and why? (are in italics).

## Dislike the Design

It is not as good as the other two concepts.

fine but I prefer A

I don't like Concept C x 9

Not too much actually x 8

Nothing - don't have swimming and gym goers going past those dressed for a theatre event.

Nothing x 40

Not much, because components are combined.

Nothing. Not a thing!

Worst concept of the three

Not much worst plan

Nothing. Its the worst concept of all three.

Nothing who uses the art centre, nobody.

i cant say i like this design so i have nothing i like about it.

Not much. Dislike this plan

I'm not impressed with the whole set-up

Nothing! Nope, nope nope!

Absolutely nothing. Stupid idea to have them combined

Nothing, too bunched

Don't like it stupid idea for it to be combined

Not my choice.

Nothing. Cheapest option obviously, but would not attract maximum usage.

Initially liked this until saw shared entry wet and bedraggled people exit while sharing foyer with theatre goers, and pool too small.

Not at all.

worst option

Nothing. If you are going to do it once do it properly

Nothing, facilities need to be separated

Well organised but I feel the other designs are better.

sorry but dont like much at all with this design

Not my choice

I prefer concept B

not preferred

Nothing, except for separation of two disparate functions of water activity and arts/culture

Prefer Concept B

prefer concept A x 2

not a fan x 2

I don't like the plan

prefer A

Not much x 2

Not at all!

nothing. it looks like a theme park from the 80's

This concept is small and uninspired. Having everything in the one building seems ridiculous to me.

Least desirable option if the intention of combining the theatre and aquatic facilities into one building was so it provided greater cost efficiencies for those elements that could be joint-use- admin, foyers

etc. I appreciate the visitor experience for the theatre facilities vs the aquatic facilities is very different - arriving and departing in swimmers vs arriving dressed and ready to engage in a cultural activity and can understand if the division of the design has taken place to ensure those two experiences are differentiated.

*Everything x 6.*

*Everything, to condensed and looks like you ran out of money. Do it properly.*

*Concept C is not practical. It doesn't provide for separation between the aquatic centre and theater.*

*prefer concept A*

*prefer A*

*Nothing. Listen to what the community wants for once*

*Not as nice aesthetically as option a.*

*Nothing! Must be separate buildings.*

*I don't like plan C at all.*

*Do not like this concept at all, and think the smell of the pool chemicals may well leach into the theatre areas*

### Liked the Design

I like this design the best. Looks like it has a great flow and a nice foyer. slightly bigger grassed areas outside

Best option

I love the layout of this

My preferred option. The water park on the corner would look visually more appealing.

Most

By far the best Concept:- A) single building provides economy in design, lower total construction costs, lower operating costs, lower maintenance costs, simpler roof designs, better slab designs, best heating, cooling and lighting costs. Superior functionality with correct relationships of the common areas, and their inter-dependend activities. C) Cafe linkage is correct. D) spectacular foyer designs. E) Terrace upstairs in the right aspect. F) Street aspect is by far the best, creating size and a strong impression from the main road. G) Bar location correct and upstairs Gym is exactly correct. H) Imposing entrance gives entire site credibility. I) Vitally the extension from 50 to 100 mtrs pool can be accommodated with the least disruption, cost, and difficulty of all the 3 Concepts. Note: ensure that the final layout of the Leisure pool, water play and learn to swim areas are aware of the possible extensions planned. Therefore an ultimate layout should also be declared.

this may be the best of the concepts, ample parking and good use of area. and again, the water park is a good size for the summer season

*Nothing x 4*

*not much - its the winner !!*

*it's ok*

### General Comment re Layout

More space efficient?

All in one building ( less staff)

Combined facility - sticks with key principle of financial sustainability.

Save on cost

Must save money on building costs.

Is it most cost effective?

Cost benefit all in one building.

The aquatic centre is on the beach roadside - closer to the beach access/parts. The theatre complex is on the carparking side. The whole complex is more physically integrated.

More closely meets original brief of there being shared facilities- foyer, cafe, and plant/support services.

i think 1st floor will be big enough for the shire

Facilities and layout looks good

Both arts and recreation presented under one roof. This is my preferred option. pool plant appears to be easy access as long as there is sufficient parking/reversing space. Excellent loading bay for the arts. reception/admin is central and prominent and services both arts and recreation. A good layout with better use of the site than options 1 & 2. I assume the gym overlooks the aquatic areas, and this would be an outstanding location for a public gym although I can't see how they access the gym.

Cost savings.

Cheaper costs??

Having aquatic and theatre in one building enables sharing of staff which would be more cost effective.

Going by the design of the layout it's covering from the very young to the elderly.

Its compact!

Good use of area

Compact design

It's spread out more.

I really like the combination of facilities but - perhaps the adjoining walkway in 'A' could become the combined foyer serving both facilities.

The combination allows for single management and shared roles. That the 2 components can be closed off to each other. The café and creche and pool and theatre backstage can all be accessed by users and service.

With all functions under one roof I see significant long term savings on staffing, energy consumption and maintenance.

One foyer (easier to staff).

Creche in the same building as pool and theatre. Art gallery visible to pool users and tourists/visitors = high visitation. One building with better use of the space. Large water slide next to café - parents/supervisors can watch the play/swimming from the tables. Large foyer.

Parking is more central to both pool and theatre.

The combining saves expenses.

cafe servicing both.

Café in aquatic facility.

Not a lot apart from a larger slide pool section. The indoor pool could be extended surely to help appease the community by working with their ideas, there is room for it.

That there is no function room, definitely not needed, also like that there is no gym because there is no need for it.

There is a playground

cafe more accessible, outdoor seating faces the park

I like the cafe but still separate bar which I think is essential

space saving with the combined foyer and added playground for the creche

i like that it is all one building and i like that you can access the cafe from inside and outside

Better layout of foyer with more options to define areas for the various services and activities being delivered.

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With a reorientation of the pool it would allow expansion to a 50m pool at a later date. You would have to consider this scenario when selecting the final site location.

Best use of space. Combined water play and leisure pools. Great slide facility. 2nd floor gym with view of pool area.

Larger slide area for children is a huge plus to the design, larger Art gallery also is a plus, seems to look like a larger vegetated strip along the highway and around the water park area which makes for a nicer outlook when using the facilities. Car parking is also more centralised to the building compared with other designs.

I like the layout of the pool and crèche

The entry plaza to the west, and foyer connection thru to the south work. The foyer should expand & stretch down to the east also, between the theatre & warm water pool, creating another pedestrian entry and better engagement with the township. Love the north/eastern frontages, lively along the highway. The gym with views is cool.

*I don't believe that the aquatic facilities and the arts facilities should share the same foyer area. I think this will seem unprofessional in the view of the arts spaces.*

*I don't like that it's all 1 building. I prefer the 2 separate areas.*

*If 2 major events are on the foyer area will be crowded*

*No Olympic pool, Too many aquatic features outdoors, inadequate spaces for swimming club and equipment storage, no obvious first aid room, parking too far from arts complex, community spaces too small, arts and community spaces can't be isolated, no smaller performance space, no mini-golf, Limited features restrict ability to attract maximum numbers of patrons thereby revenue. No idea what is planned for bowling club site and how/if the developments can be integrated/complimentary. most of it ...it looks squashed*

*too cramped being all together*

*Don't want one big facility, not preferred*

*too compact*

*i feel everything is very cramped in*

*everything is in the one building making it too congested. During busy periods, this will be chaotic.*

*No boulevard or outdoor area to meet and relax.*

*A bit busy in design.*

*Pool is too small, theatre is too small, don't need another gym to compete with others in town x 2*

*Unequal distribution of available space.*

*Terrace and outdoor space smaller*

*Too square.*

*Pools and art workshop rooms should be north facing to take advantage of light and warmth.*

*Looks a bit boxy/square and not very innovative.*

*not as clever use of available space*

*It's just doesn't seem to flow as well as A*

*No easy access from carpark areas - drop off point?*

*Café in totally wrong place - more central space needed.*

*Not enough toilets. Noises from pool area will infiltrate theatre performances. Gym area too close to theatre.*

*That spill space will be needed for concerts/there is little room!*

*Car park must consider coaches.*

*Parking is a likely disaster, no dimensions available*

*Not enough parking spaces.*

*Have adequate parking spaces been allocated when all facilities in use.*

*This design lacks the feeling of spaciousness and interior of Concept A, just one big hunk of a building.*

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*Not sure about the eastern elevation...will it be interesting and showcase the pools? it could be another "back of stocklands" looking strip if not done well*

*Definitely never have both facilities joined.*

*Concerns about the location of pool chemical tanks and access by service trucks.*

*The foyer is shared & the forecourt plaza is wasted space*

*No separation of 3 different functions - why make it harder to run all 3 concurrently?*

*Aquatic centre too close to the theatre*

*Very good overall layout (with the exception of the toddlers/learn to swim location).*

*Grass area not near main pool for Picnic atmosphere . Could move amenities and admin into foyer so learn to swim/ leisure pool could go next to warm water pool. Need to open door on princess hwy for cross ventilation.*

*The building is to be co-located I think a greater separation or division of the entrance experience needs to be provided. Through design treatment indicate the separate elements of the building that share the central services in the centre. Where are the breakout spaces as per the other designs? Has the area been absorbed into the large meeting room area near the gym which I assume will be divided in some way. Concerns re: circulation to upper level via the stairs- is located near the foyer/bar area which will be dense. Perhaps locating them near the front entrance/admin/retail area or to the southern end near the dance rehearsal room might alleviate some of the congestion. This would also provide the capacity for the art gallery to expand internally if needed. Concerns re: cost of the multiple voids. Will lift be large enough to accommodate a medical stretcher? Toilets on first floor- will patrons be using amenities located near the gym?*

*Really really dislike both under one roof. Let the noisy area be around the creche/pool/etc. Concerns include noise from aquatic area, cost to ensure environmental factors for risk to artworks/artefacts are met. No obvious use of space acquired by not having a boulevard. Could not see a lift to first floor for community meeting rooms. Why a playground? Children are well accommodated in the aquatic centre.*

*Really really dislike both under one roof. Let the noisy area be around the creche/pool/etc. Concerns include noise from aquatic area, cost to ensure environmental factors for risk to artworks/artefacts are met. No obvious use of space acquired by not having a boulevard. Could not see a lift to first floor for community meeting rooms.*

*Having all the elements in one building seems a bit unnecessary. Only having one foyer for both the aquatic centre and the theatre may not leave much space for people lining up to enter the venue.*

*There is very little space provided outside the venue where people can wait to enter.*

*It appears disabled facilities are all in hydro area. This means they are often used by people from this pool and so disabled are forced to wait. Time in pool is limited for supported disabled clients and a common bathroom area would encourage people to go to the appropriate room. ie non disabled have the same distance to ambulance/non ambulance facilities. It also assists disabled staff who have a combined non/ambulance client group to stay within reasonable distance from one another*

*In general the declared areas for storage and support activities all seem small. The pool plant room perhaps could be relocated in line with the extension to a 100mtr pool. Consideration to a greater public viewing area for swim meets etc needed, especially when extended. Is there any ability to use the above Pool Hall void for another useable space, again especially if the extension is built. In my opinion Concept C is significantly better than the other layouts. Integration of the above pool level into say a cinema complex would be quite feasible.*

*Too crowded between the facilities. Again, parents outside doing nothing whilst watching their children play.*

*A outside toilet block would be nice for parents with children and older people. Rather than having to run them inside each time they need to go toilet. got a bit of space to the right of the map where the trees are (next to learn to swim pool)*

*The aspects of concept C I do not like include: The combined centre would be as appealing as presenting a crotch demonstration as halftime entertainment at a Bay Tigers League match. This is*



*such an ill-conceived and poorly presented concept I hope that the ESC has not wasted their ratepayers funds on this concept. The presentation of this concept looks as though NBRS Architecture have been asked by ESC to present three ideas based on a weak business case and even they could not be bothered to think of any new ideas. After all this is a firm that has designed better conceived Theatres for schools and rejuvenated an Aquatic Centre with 50m pool for Cumberland Council. – The pool does not allow any room for spectators and would be incapable of hosting events as claimed by the ESC in their FAQs.*

*I don't like the extra workshop room, that the dance rehearsal space is so big or that there is both wet and dry workshop rooms.*

*Retail space is small and doesn't show what type of retailing it will display (ie souvenirs/gifts, or sports apparel and equipment) - POS or storage for the retail space is not identified. Plane does not identify how traffic enters into the 25m pool or to the outdoor pools. There doesn't appear to be any toilets in the outdoor pool area which mean patrons will have to go through the main 25m pool area to access the toilets increasing congestion in the indoor pool area.*

*Foyer a long way from car park. Chlorine smell will be unpleasant for patrons of arts centre. All play facilities outdoors will be great for half the year but useless during the colder months*

*Play area should not be in front of the building near the creche and should be near the cafe for children to enjoy that area of the facility while parents relax.*

*Small separate spaces for different functions. No allowance for multifunction spaces. Close proximity of pool, gym and theatre areas. Noise issues*

*Too cramped. Not enough separation between noisy fun and theatre facility.*

*If Council want to save construction and running costs, by incorporating everything in one building, then should separate foyers and entrance by wall upstairs, across foyer and half of reception desk - so staff can man one desk and collect entrance fees etc each side of partition.*

*There should be slightly more separation between the theatre and pool complex - for noise/amenity reasons and perhaps a wider glass corridor as a larger art gallery between them connecting to the foyer.*

*The combined facility, too crowded.*

*25 metre pools are hot and noisy and not fun to swim in during Summer. The smell of the chlorination, and noise from the swimming facilities would make the theatre a very unpleasant environment.*

### **Separation of Aquatic/Arts**

*I like that the two facilities are combined x 5*

*Great design all in one spot*

*One foyer*

*It is all in one building, which should reduce operating costs.*

*Overall concept combines all facilities within one structure. Shared foyer. Readily accessible from carpark - all under one roof.*

*The layout and separation between the different activities and the foyer and café in neutral space. Full marks.*

*I like that the two facilities are combined in terms of cost savings – Erindale Leisure Centre has a theatre and an indoor pool facility and it was never a problem, the chlorine smell never permeated the theatre.*

*I don't like one foyer for both theatre and pool.*

*Prefer the buildings to be separate. Wet people traipsing through the foyer would present a safety hazard. Do not like gym and meeting rooms being upstairs.*

*Combined facilities such as these two are not really compatible, the intellectual vs. physical nature of activity may interfere with each other's sense of creativity.*

*There is little relationship between a sports facility and cultural facility*

*The buildings need to be separate!! Particularly 'wet uses' like swimming/wet bathers etc are*

*incompatible with dry usage e.g. art gallery.*

*The aquatic centre and theatre need to be separate, to cater for two very different groups of users*

*Need to have a separate foyer - two very different user groups.*

*Shared foyer arrangements are highly questionable.*

*Recognising cost savings but separation of 2 facilities is good.*

*Don't like this concept at all the pool and theatre need to be separate.*

*I don't like shared space for aquatic and theatre - chlorine smell in theatre.*

*I would like a separate concept*

*Combining aquatic and theatre components is a big mistake.*

*Shared foyer/although in saying that perhaps the cross pollination of aquatic users and theatre goers would benefit from shared foyer?!*

*Components combined - different purposes, different views.*

*It makes no sense to me to have pool, gym and Arts Centre in one building. Chlorine smells and damp and noise in the Theatre? Buildings also serving different clientele? It's a bad idea.*

*It is all in one building, much nicer in concept A*

*Combined aquatic and theatre.*

*Too much in one space. Chlorine smell in Concert Hall. Air conditioning separation/clash??!! How do you separate functions? How do you run functions in all areas at once?*

*Theatre and aquatic centre too close.*

*Shared foyer wet feet and wet floors in public spaces think of the law suits!!*

*Art and pool not separate.*

*I do not like this concept as the noise, heat from the pools would affect the theatre area. A shared foyer, café seems crowded and lead to confusion.*

*Don't like shared foyer.*

*Shared foyer.*

*Don't like all facilities in one building. Think conflict of uses/mixed messages of use. Don't like shared foyer - smell from pool and gym would filter to theatre and foyer area. Not a good solution large and bulky?*

*Aquatics and theatre components share a foyer - they do not blend.*

*Aquatics and theatre do not blend.*

*a joint foyer would not be practical. Better to keep them separate.*

*I don't like that the arts centre is in the same building together with aquatic centre, I think the smell of chlorine as well as the noise from the people at the pool will be very inconvenient for the people at the theatre, those should be separated like in the other two concepts.*

*I do not see the link between swimming and the arts. Why on earth have you combined the two in the one complex?!*

*Combined space, separate buildings better so the theatre doesn't smell like a pool*

*Idiotic to cramp two different functions into such small site.*

*In one building high chance of moisture damage, mould to the theater complex from the aquatic complex and chemical odour from the aquatic centre into the theater complex. Shared foyer some people going out dressed up for the theater people going to the aquatic complex in track suits and swimmers, two different uses cannot have one foyer.*

*Combining both is no good. Needs to be separated.*

*Mixing of theatre and pool not desirable.*

*Congestion in foyers. People going to theatre don't want to be bombarded with sweaty gym people and swimmers dripping water everywhere. Totally different uses should be separated!*

*These serve very different purposes yet are within the same building which will lead to issues.*

*Noise flow from one to the other. Use of pool chemicals could affect theatre and community areas.*

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*Don't think a combined space works for pools and shows, particularly a shared foyer (NO NO)  
I don't like the set up, stupid that you have to walk through wet/slippy pool area to get to the theatre where you'd most likely be dressed up. Would be very unprofessional.*

*It is very possible that moisture/humidity from the pool complex will get into the arts area with damaging consequences. I think separate is better.*

*Everything seems to cluttered together, think it's best for the theatre to be separate to pool area.*

*Facilities should not be combined*

*In addition to the reasons of concept A and B, this combined concept is terrible it makes as much sense as building a single enclosure for the lions and deers at Mogo Zoo.*

*Too cramped, prefer previous concepts to C*

*I don't think it should be all under 1 roof, it will have a much nicer feel with open space between the 2 buildings*

*I don't like the fact that this is all one building for both water activities and theatre and art gallery spaces. It makes no sense to have it all joined.*

*like the separate idea for theatre and pool functions*

*It's all in one building.*

*They are in the same building and share foyer. Not great to use the theatre and have the pool and gym smell and feel when you walk in.*

*It's all under one roof and I think the concept of separate space is more workable for traffic flow and ease of use in general. I can imagine have a swim meet in the pool cheering etc going on and a music type event in the theatre. I think the zones would clash.*

*Dislike the combined concept. Arts centre with aquatic is a strange concept.*

*I do not like the combined foyer, the mix of clients using the facilities will be varied.*

*I feel that the arts and aquatic precincts should be separate buildings connected by a walkway. they are in two different worlds of leisure activities that both need to be promoted in the region but having a single building doesn't allow for the separation of aquatic chemicals from the artworks as well as limits the formalities possible in the arts precinct for visiting performers, exhibitions and community events. I know that the smell of chlorine often wafts into communal spaces of the buildings attached to indoor pool facilities which would not be good for patrons of artistic performances. You also would have to combat noise pollution from either side if they were housed in the same building. by putting in the separation of a walkway between the two centres, you create a buffer that alleviates these issues. I do not like it all being in 1 building. They are two very different areas of entertainment and truly believe they should have their own foyer. I think noise may also be an issue being all under the one roof. The noise from the creche in the area located would not be ideal either. I feel the playground is a slight waste of money which could be better spent as children wouldn't be at the creche that long so do they really need it?*

*I prefer the separate facilities*

*Combined foyers mean pool smell and traffic will affect theatre goers.*

*Don't like the theatre combined with aquatic centre.*

*This combined concept is terrible it makes as much sense as building a single enclosure for the lions and deer's at Mogo Zoo.*

*I don't like the combined design*

*The two facilities are not separated.*

*I don't like one foyer for both theatre and pool.*

*Prefer the buildings to be separate. Wet people traipsing through the foyer would present a safety hazard. Do not like gym and meeting rooms being upstairs.*

*This is the worst of the three concepts! Do not combine the building!!! Everyone will loose in this cost saving compromise. Theatre and art spaces do not do well with noise and humidity of aquatic spaces. co-location lacks any compelling feature. Functions of the centres are essentially disparate - patrons at the arts centre wearing their pearl twinsets not really compatible with wet kids in boardies!*

*Having the aquatic and arts facilities combined*

*The two facilities are not separated.*

*the aquatic center and theater need to have separate foyers- having a nice classy art display would be negatively impacted by noise coming from children playing in the pools and people walking around in swimmers as the atmosphere of a fine art display would be decreased*

*Shouldn't be combined.*

*Aquatic and theatre components in one building with one foyer, so you have dripping wet semi clad swimmers and theatre patrons mixing in foyer, and smell of chlorine percolating theatre area.*

*Shared foyer is a really BAD idea!*

### Other Comments

This would probably be cheaper to run

I'm not happy about any of it, it's wasting MY money

May be visually attractive to tourist on highway (just like mini golf is now)

fluid design

I just like the idea of the aquatic centre, lets get it right

Second best

I have no preference whether the aquatic and theatre facilities are combined or separate. This concept plan also does not include a leisure pool.

Lots of bells and whistles again

This option seems to be the most flexible and future proof, when in the future population demand will require a 50M pool. Ulladulla Pool is not even in this Shire, and yet is it continually pushed as a viable option for users who may require a 50M pool. Narooma is too far away and demand will only increase on that pool as well. At least this option has room for future expansion into the same footprint, or into the Car Park area. How many days usage is the Theatre in the year as opposed to pool users?

The complex will be a fantastic additional resource for the town. It has been sorely needed!

Why does this question require an answer?

not sure

Just like Concept B, anything but Concept A would be great!!!

will be built at same time.

seems to represent most of required features & practical user benefits as initially defined (& agreed) at the start of this process - the facility surely will be easier to design & build as an attractive, level structure - while meeting MOST of the NECESSARY requirements. The more people asked to provide inexperienced opinions the higher the risk of it being 'ambushed' by those with their own selfish & misguided agenda! I consider the professional input (from both Council & Designers) has so far been excellent - have every confidence in the professional expertise displayed thus far being rewarded with a fine building we will ALL be proud of. Congrats !!

Its location.

it's ok

Chlorine is an offensive and permeating odour.

Don't need a theatre in an aquatic centre

Shared foyer good but also could be a problem.

If doors open on princess hwy and beach road crossbreeze would be good. Possible expansion of pool to 50m. Slide pool outside.

*I'm not happy about any of it, it's wasting MY money*

*Waste of funds on several designs. No outcome to date. We note survey only reads 1 age group so you don't get a true reading of needs.*

*The actual swimming community were not properly consulted before this whole plan was put forward*

*and now it seems like a done deal*

*This complex needs to be at Hanging Rock to allow better usage and in turn a better income for ESC  
The focus of this concept is the amusement park and not community space. The purpose of this concept is for getting the tourists in and not focusing on the community aspect.*

*Complex is attempting to be too many things to too many interests.*

*It's all too busy - swimmers mixing with theatre patrons is undesirable - think of Kogarah paedophile attack. Mixture a definite turn off.*

*Needs a kids play area, slides, castle, out of the pool fun.*

*Needs a place where you can sit have coffee and/or lunch and keep an eye on the kids whilst swimming/playing upstairs - glass windows type thing*

*Theatre/arts visitors will be shortchanged.*

*appears disjointed and lacks harmony*

*I'm not impressed with the whole set-up*

*I just don't understand why an arts centre is next to a pool - makes no sense and the smell of chlorine would be unpleasant for theatre patrons. As per my comments on concept A the outdoor water spaces and gym would not be used all year round here and better to use this space for restaurants catering for indoor pool users and theatre patrons*

*That the Arts has lost its identity.*

*While aquatic centre will generate more traffic, older generation needs more consideration*

*Smell of chlorine and humidity of pool horrible for theatre goers.*

*Why combine sports and arts, sports areas may be noisy and a bit casual, whereas people dress for theatre - its more of an event so should be designed to be so!*

*There is little space for eventing outdoors. That access needs a door to close/lock as needed separating of times and activities will be an issue.*

*Smells and noise into Arts Centre.*

*There will be problems with noise from pool area affecting all other areas of the complex.*

*It's fine*

*The impact of the chemicals for the pool on the air quality for art exhibitions will take extra cost that could go to other purposes. There is no capacity for 50m pool expansion in the future.*

*Only flaw, as i have mentioned in the other concepts, i suggest the rooftop bar/restaurant. i feel it would be an asset to the town.*

*Can't tell how big everything is - pictures don't show sizes etc.*

*No 50m pool location (hanging rock is the location)*

*Must have over 80% of the local population interested in the arts. Not.*

*its double storey*

*It's not big enough.*

*Looks like too much on a small space.*

*Location - it should be at Hanging Rock.*

*Option to extension of pool to 50m needs to be shown on plans.*

*Seems unlikely that the gym and theatre could be used simultaneously.*

*Could be costlier to maintain*

*All activities in together won't suit the different users coming to the precinct. The exterior of the building looks dreadful and will age.*

*This concept and others do not show how it would be possible to increase the main pool to 50 metres in the future.*

*There appears to be limited space for the community use, as I believe there is plans to sell the community centre that we already have, the area in the concept plans should be comparable.*

*Pool too close to the theatre. I guess I could watch a production while I'm doing laps in the useless 25 m pool.*

*Too Bunched and still has unwanted Arts Centre*

*Too close to theatre.*

*its layout is bad*

*Don't like any - seems cramped.*

*It appears to have too much in a small space.*

## **Gymnasium**

### **Prefer gym on ground floor**

*Gym is upstairs x 5*

*Having the gym on the first floor unless there is a lift.*

*Gym cannot be upstairs due to the noise of weights being dropped. Go into Target and you will hear what its like when gym sessions are on.*

*Gym upstairs near a meeting room.*

*Gym location 1st floor - limited access.*

*Gym et al on first floor.*

*gym better on ground flr*

### **Prefer gym upstairs**

*Gym is on the top floor x 5*

*Gym on first floor - so we don't have to hear the shouted instructions/music x 2.*

*I like that the gym is upstairs and has potential to be a separate entity if required.*

## **General**

*Assume limited gym hours so does not affect theatre-goers? X 2*

*The gym has water views and there is easy access.*

*The gym has views of the pool.*

*Gym area elevated.*

*dont like gym over looking the pool not necessary, young people in th egym dont need to watch old people in the pool*

*The gym will require sufficient area to house the following: a permanent spin room, exercise floor area, permanent weights room plus admin, shop, therapy rooms and change room facilities with showers and toilets. Toilets must be provided on the first floor.*

*Not sure about gym having pool views . Views of kids in swimmers??*

### **No requirement for gym**

*Don't need to spend money on a council run gym that will not be as well appointed as private gyms.*

*No need for another gym x 3.*

*A gym will be constructed that will not be as well appointed as private ones and be in direct competition.*

*I don't see a need for a gym.*

*Gym when the bay already has 4*

*Do we need a gymnasium when several in town.*

*There is no need for a gymnasium considering this town has four already.*

*I don't understand why a Gym is being included in the complex. This facility is not needed when you consider the number of privately owned gyms in the Batemans Bay area and shire in general.*

*A gym is not needed when there are already two good gyms in the CBD.*

*Why a gym? Money better spent on a bigger pool. A gym is wasted money like what was spent on northside foreshore when council knew a bridge was going to be built - that money could have gone toward keeping a 50m pool.*

*Gym - we have 3 already not needed.*

### **Dislike design on basis of no 50m pool**

*Nothing - it should include a 50 meter pool x 4.*

*I like nothing about Concept C it only has a 25m pool. Our community NEEDS a 50m pool. Schools cannot hold carnivals and compete when swim times are a vital component. All schools will have to go to Narooma to hold carnivals, how ridiculous. We are a big enough community to warrant a 50m pool.*

### **Design lacks a 50m pool**

*Needs a 50m pool x 2*

*No 50m pool x 2*

*This plan is completely flaud in leaving out the most essential requirement of a 50m swimming pool.*

*It must include a 50 metre pool to be considered as real Aquatic centre.*

*The rate payers and public want a 50m pool*

*No 50M pool x 27*

*Better a 50M pool.*

*My experience of teaching children who only have a 25m pool to swim in (Braidwood), didn't have the stamina to compete with children from towns with 50m pools. They competed in Region Carnivals but fell short. 50m is essential for all child swimmers for safety reasons.*

*The length of the pool too small.*

*Does not include 50m pool. must include at least 50m pool*

*No 50m pool for lap swimmers. Not servicing community who enjoy lap swimming for exercise.*

*It does not have a 50m pool. I am discussed with our council that they believe that it is worth going to the expense to build a 25m pool, when the community wants a 50m pool. I do not know 1 person that agrees with a 25m pool. This decision makes me want to move out of the Eurobodalla Shire due to small minded decisions. Our section of the community is VERY angry about council not building a 50m pool.*

*Still need a 50m pool.*

*To save time and money also disrupting the complex why not look at putting a 50 metre pool in from the beginning, Batemans Bay is a great holiday destination for many people.*

*The plan is negligent in not providing a 50 metre swimming pool.*

*The Pool needs to be 50 Metres in length. 25 Metre is not suitable and doesn't replace the existing 50 metre pool.*

*.No 50 m pool so I will travel to Ulladulla and not spend money in this shire husbands family have continually lived here for nearly 60 years I personally 34 years. Had enough*

*No 50m pool. Save the money if you are not going to build what the community wants.*

*That the 50mtr pool that is currently there is not incorporated into the future design*

*It's not a 50 meter pool. Waste of time and money making a smaller pool. I'd rather have no facilities*

*and a 50 meter pool.*

*Inadequate main pool length.*

*The pool is too small.*

*No 50m pool! Utilising the space and design to cater for sport, community, recreation and leisure means a 50m pool could be considered and not waved as outlined in the FAQs.*

*The size of the main pool at 25m seems on the small side. i think considering a convertible system like what is used in Junee Aquatic centre would be beneficial giving a 50m pool in summer but closing it off to 25m in winter months. This would allow for correct training to occur in the on season while stop giving access to the pool year round.*

*Again, lacking an outdoor swimming pool, specifically a 50m one.*

*I'm appalled that Concept C does not include an outdoor 50m pool.*

*25mtr pool*

*Please make better use of this space and add in our 50m pool. Please listen to the community here.*

*Make the pool 8 lanes to have more space for adjusting the plan to fit it all in the space.*

*Further this design limits the option to have a 50m pool which the community wants.*

*Should have an Olympic standard sized lap pool. What about a diving/waterpolo pool?*

*To not have a 50m pool in the main HUB Batemans Bay the heart of the Eurobodalla is very disappointing and is not supporting our current future athletes with the proposed. I have no doubt that interested parties have had their pockets lined well.*

*25m Pool is a joke, it needs to be 50m for proper swim meets to attract other users , your spending money on other minor pools which will only create maintenance issues etc*

*There is no 50m pool included. How is a 10 lane 25m pool going to cater for ALL adult activities in a growing area?*

*Because there is no 50m pool I won't go otherwise I would every day to train.*

*It doesn't have a 50 metre pool so I can't use it.*

## Theatre

### Size - Like

### Size - Dislike

*Seating capacity of 350 is going to prove uneconomic having regard to demographic factors - numbers/age/catchment area.*

*350 seats in a 51m \$ facility - really ?*

*Theatre seat allocation of 350 inadequate for fast growing population and tourists if serious acts are to be sought for entertainment.*

## Design

*There are insufficient toilet facilities and insufficient change rooms for performers. Having regard to have separate ones for adults/juveniles and males/females.*

*Theatre is impractical re load in/out, seating capacity is too small for viability, Np floor space for alternative use*

*I feel that the theatre should have sufficient catering facilities for events and conferences and perhaps a wine bar or brewery*



*Dance rehearsal room small. Theatre needs a green room (just left off or description?)*

## **Wet/Dry Workshops**

*Wet workshop to be able to connect with the outdoors.*

*Wet/dry art rooms in theatre facility.*

*Wet workshop way too small.*

## **General**

*Upstairs terrace area is a great idea.*

*Like the outdoor terrace with the theatre.*

*Bar in theatre area to enable interval service.*

*Outdoor terrace.*

*It is good to have a separate bar for the theatre with the outdoor terrace.*

*No bar or food station for the first floor terrace on the theatre building is a wasted opportunity.*

*Do we need a gallery when new one in Moruya*

*Theatre not necessary.*

## **Art Gallery**

### **Size**

*Art gallery is a good size and in a good position.*

*I like the size and placement of art gallery.*

*The art gallery is of an appropriate scale/size*

*The art gallery can be easily accessed directly from the foyer*

*Biggest art gallery*

*The space given to the art gallery appears larger.*

*The art gallery seems to be the largest of the three options*

*I like that the art gallery is bigger than the other concepts.*

*That the gallery is too small and too close to crèche - a noisy/reflective clash!*

*The size of the gallery leaves a lot to be desired. If Batemans Bay is going to try and attract major touring exhibitions from institutions such as the agnsw, we need a formidable gallery space as part of the construction. While the Bas in Moruya maybe on track for small scale travelling shows we still don't have a location that can match regional centres like Orange or Albury. There is nothing between Nowra and Bega that comes close to the scale required.*

*Considering it's called an arts facility, the art gallery appears too disproportionate to the other areas. Could be bigger.*

*Location*

*The art gallery perhaps to have its own separate external access- capacity to be able to host an exhibition that was both indoor and outdoor.*

*At least the art spaces are together (gallery seem too small).*

*Art gallery next to the crèche kids are noisy - gallery patrons like quieter space to contemplate the art works.*

*Separate art gallery for exhibitions. Good! Important. Should be included in Concept A.*

## Aquatics

### 25m Pool

25 metre 10 lane pool is very good.

25m pool x 2.

The lap pool.

I like that the lap pool is 25m by 10 lanes, I think it's ample room and as a swimmer I prefer 25m for laps.

### LTS

*learn to swim outside x 2*

*Learn to swim pool is outdoors this means lower ability to use it Year round.*

*LTS pool outside*

*As stated before the outside learn to swim pool is a ludicrous idea for an aquatic centre.*

*learn to swim pool should be inside to allow maximum use*

*Learn to swim external*

*The Learn to Swim pool is located in the most exposed location on the site, definitely not a space that is likely to encourage young shivering swimmers to try backstroke on a windy day.*

*Learn to swim pool should be either covered or indoors so it is useful in all weather conditions.*

*The learn to swim pools should be indoors to allow all year access; it is also much warmer in colder months therefore more conducive to teach children as they will be warmer compared to an outdoor pool. Outdoor pool will limit the number of learn to swim classes and be a disincentive in colder months and in extreme temperatures.*

*The learn to swim pool should be indoors.*

### Outdoor Pools

Outdoor pools

I like the outdoor area for the water slide and water park.

As a qualified swim instructor and coach with more than 30 yrs experience, indoor pools are generally used more all year round than outdoor pools. It is also easier to coach and instruct swimmers with indoor pools after hours eg 9-5.

outdoor waterpark

*Leisure pool is small and not undercover.*

*The children's pools are outside, children need to be in an environment that can be controlled to some degree.*

*Outdoor learn to swim!! Small children get very cold whilst learning to swim, definitely needs to be indoors.*

*Outdoor covered leisure and learn to swim pool and outdoor waterslides should all be indoors otherwise will only be used for a small part of year instead of full 12 months.*

*Outdoor covered leisure and learn to swim pool - should be indoors.*

*Pools should all be inside - too cold outside x 2.*

*Again the pools are not all indoor and not all year round. We need an all year round indoor aquatic centre for all ages and all abilities*

*The leisure pool is too small and is outside as is the learn to swim, slide and water play area. Would like to see these indoors so they can be open all year.*

*The water park and learn to swim are still outdoors. Surely this will limit the use of these assets. I would have thought the idea of this whole concept was to encourage its use over twelve months. Its not a good look in winter to see the "closed" sign up, when we need more winter activities to encourage tourists to our town.*

*The siting of the facilities should see all pools indoors.*

*Pools are not all indoors as most of the discussions have indicated they would be.*

*Learn to swim and waterplay are outside.. this restricts a primary income generator to only 5 months of the year.*

*Stupid that the pool still has the learn to swim outside as well as one of the main attractions (waterslide), will lose so much money over winter time*

*Learn to swim and play pools useless most of the year.*

*I also believe that it is essential that the learn to swim pool is indoors rather than outdoor to allow for year round lessons which will benefit the childrens ability and also generate year round income. It would also be great to have the water slides indoor rather than outdoor to allow for year round use.*

*2/ leisure pool and learn to swim are outdoor so cannot be used in winter. this means that in winter learn to swim and kids activities will have to be in the main pool or program pool, which are not as suitable. During kids activities the program pool would not be available for therapy use*

*Again the learn to swim etc areas excluding slides should be indoors to promote all year usage.*

*Learn to swim ,water play and water slides outside*

*Again, too many outdoor aquatic activities. Need to be indoor.*

*The learn to swim and leisure pools are not indoors.*

*Put fun pool things indoors for all year round.*

*Learn to swim, water play etc being outside.*

*Learn to swim, pool play and slides all need to be inside.*

*That the Learn to Swim/Leisure Pool are outside, meaning that they cannot use it all year round. This was to be a year round swimming facility, not just for lap swimmers or adults, it is supposed to be for the kids.*

### **Warm Water**

Heated therapy pool and spa - I will use this every day for rehabilitation.

therapy pool for hydrotherapy and aqua classes

I like that the UAT's are near the warm water pool

*Warm water pool being tucked away.*

### **Slide Pool**

Pool slides

extensive waterslides

Very big waterslides - this will attract more people to the facility

Large slide area.

Bigger slide area.

No waterslides x 2.

Kids will like the big slides

Nothing, don't need waterslides

Bigger slide area will be popular.

*The water slides, long term, would wear out, not sustainable. Belconnen water slides had many issues.*

*Spending money on waterslides which are outdated.*

*the water slide is especially bad.*

### **Water Play/Leisure Pool**

The bigger water play area because it's great for families. This is my preferred option for that aspect. its has a waterplay area for kids

I don't like that the leisure pool is tiny

*Access to the warm water pool could be an issue for people with a disability.*

### General

Love the water play and slides

Wish there was a diving board.

Pool can be opened to the north - sunshine

That the pool faces the North/East and receives winter sun.

Pools would get all day sun.

Suitable for water polo

the privacy around the pool areas

The number of pools have not been compromised.

The pool is on the northern side allowing natural light to enter in cooler months especially

Noisy waterplay and slides outside.

Direction of pool.

Leisure bit looks better. 25m is squashed in

Lap pool etc

*There is no family change room in aquatic area.*

*Concurrent events will creat more difficulty for users. difficult*

*Too many separate pools / water areas.*

*Why can't the learn to swim pool and warm water pool be the same*

*Pools too separated. Makes it hard to lifeguard and also for parents to watch children of different ages.*

*Inadequate spectator seating.*

*Combined water play, leisure pool and learn to swim. The water play should be a separate area so small children are kept away from the pool areas*

*Need to ensure the outdoor swim areas provide adequate shelter as well as shade. The volume of the pool seating visually on the drawings appears to be smaller- need to ensure a great connection with the outdoor learn to swim area.*

*1/ water play is combined with other pools. This would make it harder to safely supervise young children who can't swim.*

*I don't like that water play is in the leisure pool, I would not be able to enjoy the leisure pool with my small child if there were much bigger kids splashing and horsing about. I don't like that learn to swim is outside, or that it is connected to the water play.*

*Learn to swim and waterplay should be separated to not distract kids laerning to swim in classes. Very small leisure pool. Can section of 25m pool (say size of 2 lanes) be coverted to adult non lap leisure swimming?*

*It is not clear where the public amenities areas/changing rooms for the pool are.*

*No change room/WC in warm water pool enclosure. Large waterslides are ugly (caravan park have these for free and Jamberoo Park more fun!). Question area around pool complex for swim carnivals.*

### Café

#### Location

I like that the café is more accessible to the arts component.

*I dislike that the café isn't near the leisure pool*

*Café location.*

*The cafe should have a good visual aspect over the learn to swim and waterplay areas.*

*Out of the way position of the café.*

## **General**

*I don't like that there is a cafe, I don't think Batemans Bay needs another cafe, people using the aquatic and arts centre should be encouraged to go for a walk in town and get a coffee from there to support local businesses.*

*Reduced space and position of pool plant for café could be problematic.*

## **Crèche**

### **Location**

*Creche more central to both pools and theatre.*

*Not a good position for crèche, in my opinion, especially with noisy playground.*

*I also don't like that the creche is in the arts component, i imagine it would be noisy and inconvenient for parents*

*Creche too far from pool.*

*Creche in silly position.*

*The creche should be nearer the café at least swap with the art gallery that should be next to the wet/dry workshops.*

*I don't like the location of the creche.*

*Creche too far from aquatic centre.*

## **General**

*There is a playground adjoining the creche.*

*There is a playground  
playground area.*

*Playground adjoining creche extremely handy.*

*playground adjoining the crèche*

*Crèche in central location.*

*Playground adjoining the Creche is great*

*I like the idea of a playground adjoining the crèche.*

*Playground near creche.*

*I like that there's a playground near the crèche, but I would like it to be accessible to everyone.*

## **Mini Golf**

*No space for mini golf which is an important activity. Go back to Otium concept.*

*Taken up the space that Mini Golf currently sits on.*

*No mini golf x 3.*

*Where is mini golf??*

*Where is put put golf given space?*

## Visitor Information

What happened to the Visitor Information Centre? Where is it to be located?

*No information centre .*

*No Visitor Information Centre*

*Is there any tourist info in any of these buildings??*

*Information centre needs to be accessible for motor homes and the like.*

## Meeting Rooms

Meeting rooms separate from rest of buildings - more privacy and tranquility.

*Community meeting rooms better at ground level for wider access.*

*Meeting rooms would be better on ground floor for disabled needs.*

*Prefer meeting rooms on ground floor.*

*Community room only on the first floor not good for an ageing population*

*Community meeting room is on the 2nd floor*

*Having a meeting room right next to gym makes no sense.*

*Meeting room location 1st floor - limited access.*

## Attachment D – Other Comments

### DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ABOUT THE REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE?

We need to keep a 50 meter pool for our schools and also for local swimmers.

Its one thing the heart of Batemans Bay lacks is great play areas for the kids. Hoping in time

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something will go either side of the bridge. Atmosphere not only for mid age and younger but children.

I think its great, Batemans Bay has so much potential but lacks so much in the heart of the bay not only for locals and surroundings but tourists which Batemans Bay lacks like fireworks and kid play areas. I have 2 young kids and I get them every 2nd week so I will use this.

Bring it on! Despite not wanting to lose the 50m outdoor pool, which I love using regularly, I understand the financial concerns. If there was a way to have both, I would vote for that option.

I have concerns about the overall costs to council of the management of the facility - it can't all be 'privately' run and managed i.e. for profit.

The gym needs to be upstairs and much bigger. Approx 1000m2 (like most other council run gyms).

The toddlers/learn to swim pools should be inside the building as it gets too hot and cold outside.

Furthermore if these pools are inside classes can be run all year round creating even more revenue.

An ocean pool would be great.

Duplication of existing facilities, gym, etc.

Full marks to funding bodies for putting Batemans Bay on the map and Council management of the project. I look forward to being around to celebrate the opening.

Love the idea of theatre to attract events here! Great designs, well done!

Go for it! Great addition to the Bay.

It will be wonderful!

If the SCMS is to use this venue (at 350 seats we probably will) then we would need storage space for the Concert Grand Piano!

Next time survey sheets for plans should be made larger - detail too small for average citizen to grasp. Spoke to very informative gentleman at Stocklands with larger scaled plan so detail much better to see.

I believe that the Mini Golf/Putt Putt will be going which is one of the main attractions at Batemans Bay, if it be relocated near to where it is now I might consider this project, council needs to listen to the local community.

I think \$51 million could be put to better use for the area rather than an aquatic centre and theatre and a gym which the town has 3 already. Why not incorporate the 50M outdoor with a indoor aquatic centre and indoor kids park (see Brisbane Chandler or Homebush).

Aquatic and arts design incorporate all Batemans Bay's needs for the near future. However, must allow for aquatic expansion for 50m pool and theatre to expand as well. Mildura has an excellent Aquatic Centre indoors and 50m pool outdoors (Pop: 30,000).

I can't understand why you are not building a 50m pool. (It is short sighted to build a 25m pool) \*Have swum in BBay and Moruya pools for 44 years.

The community asked for a year round swimming facility for everyone, and that includes the children and their fun activities. Please get this right, as I am sick of the Council bashing and the Batemans Bay Indoor Aquatic Centre Committee who are all Volunteers and who supported the Year Round Swimming facility receiving terrible comments. Sounds like the cinema all over again, the Beagle is just like Facebook.

Fabulous that one is being provided. 50 metre pool would be good. Larger art gallery would be good. Think option/concept B very good.

I attend water aerobics 3 times per week, the fresh air and pool temperature is perfect. Space and water temperature for this sport is extremely important, too warm and crowded inhibits optimum benefits of this. Water aerobics is a great activity to keep our aging community healthy and active, I hope this new complex will be able to accommodate this as the classes are growing each year.

A 50m pool would make this an excellent investment for the community and future-proof the whole thing. Limiting the plans to make expansion impossible is as short-sighted as not building a 50m pool in the first place.

All concepts have merit but need 'tweaking'. My preference is to design a boulevard central, covered, for multiple uses - place café sets and tables! Move the café to offer service to all users. Keep the

creche near the pool, due to noise. Enlarge the gallery, next to foyer!

Please get it built soon!

Only to reiterate the desirability of a 50m pool.

Treatment of Mini Golf business appalling - destruction of an asset for loss making facility. Sheer disappointment - failure of first magnitude - reason for exclusion of 50m pool from consideration was cost. Is council projecting profitability from complex as a whole within 3, 5, 10 years? If so, which and what is projected between (net) on capital expenditure? Council must have prepared a detailed business case with profit/loss projections.

I think it is ridiculous to demolish a 50m pool and a very good business - Mini Golf - to create a 'gateway building' for Batemans Bay. Which in 2 years time will have a vacant lot beside it which will have been cleared and levelled and ready to build on. This block (the old bowling club site) would then become the 'gateway' location for B.Bay and a new fabulous building will need to be architect designed and cost ratepayers more. Just wait 2 years! A 50m pool is a valuable asset to any community. As a primary school teacher of 30+ years I know how much the Narooma Pool is valued. I have also attended aqua classes in the same pool as lap swimmers. Heated on both sides of the pool to the same temperature!! If B.Bay feels the need for a small heated indoor pool for hydro-therapy then incorporate that with a water play park. It is not necessary to have so many pools heated at different temperatures. The usage figures quoted for the shires 3 pools reflect - proximity to beaches - Moruya, being inland is hotter so the pool is attended more frequently. I bet any inland pools where it gets hot are frequented more than those on the coast. But councils have an obligation to ensure children can learn to swim and this doesn't happen just playing in the surf! Employment of locals - the large majority of people are self-employed or in small business in Narooma. Lunch breaks are often not had at all or just whenever they can be squeezed in. In Moruya with lots of council workers, TAFE, hospital, Southern Phone employees regular lunch hours and can plan to duck to the pool for a swim. Location in town - Moruya is a compact business district. Most people are employed 5 mins drive from the pool. This is not the case with Narooma or Batemans Bay. Another reason for pool usage is less there. Council should advertise and promote the indoor pool at Narooma. It is a council facility even if leased out. It is ludicrous that it does not feature in council tourism advertising.

Thanking you for the opportunity to make comments.

Please extend the 25m pool to 50m as 25m is too small for the community.

It is a sill idea. Put it somewhere else if you have to.

Less 'Novelty Pools" plus 50 metre pool.

The whole idea is not right.

I would like to see a 50 m pool in future as both my husband and myself are lap swimmers. The pool at Tathra was stuffy and hot as well as very noisy as all pools in one room and that's why if the pool can go at one end allowing for expansion it would be better as it could open on two sides. It is nice now to sit in grass areas under a tree to watch the grandkids swim in the pool so it would be nice to keep the pleasant atmosphere and also enjoy the sun.

This is great getting such financial assistance in the way of grants however the community do feel strongly about their loss of the 50 metres, so as I've suggested by working together with the ideas put forward i.e. extending the lap pool to suit the swimmers who train & there are many you will find that the council backlash may abate. The town of Batemans Bay & the surrounding area in general is going to be transformed over the next 10 yrs with infrastructure changes & by building to the future growth will benefit everyone in the community

Absolutely must have a 50m pool as part of development

I think the running costs of a 50 metre pool are far too high for consideration

No, thank you

Please consider the space to maximise the use of local residents and seasonal visitors. The community has a real chance to use universal design principles for spaces that meet all community needs. There are no contemporary 50m pools on the south coast, this is a chance to use sustainable and



environmental friendly design to create a leading design on the south coast. Please use this opportunity to do so. No white elephants with theatres not being used, rather spaces that are versatile, agile and able to be used now and into the future.

Really consider looking at something like the Junee aquatic centre to allow all round water play but also 50m training in the peak season.

I would assume that aqua fit classes would be held in the 25m pool. The warm water pool would be too hot.

Yes!!!! We need a 50 metre indoor pool. So if this is what the town wants, and it appears it is, let's just do it. tweak the plans and make it fit. Leave our community centre where it is and take out that area in the plans.

Why would you remove the 50m don't our children get the opportunity to swim competitively anymore. Ridiculous decision let's limit regional kids further.

Needs a 50m pool

Where is mini golf. Should be 50m

I'd love to know about where the mini golf is going to go, there seems to be no plan about it and it isn't in the frequently asked questions so? I also would like to express how disappointing it is to not have a 50m pool...When asked, the answer was 'because of budget' and 'but it will be 10 lanes'; 10 lanes doesn't replace the length, and if the decision to do a 25m was really because of budget then why couldn't we do a 6 lanes x 50m pool? Considering the Eurobodalla has over 8 schools (primary and high school included), and those schools have swimming carnivals, they are going to have to travel to either Narooma or Ulladulla to hold their swimming carnivals, hence supporting other shires? When discussing with a man, at one of the information desk, he said that 'no one trains in a 50m pool' but kids that compete at high level go to other states to perform in 50m pools.. It's just such a shame that this project is costing millions of \$ and yet it seems that we are going backwards from a 25m pool to a 50m...Also the mention of a 'possible' extension in the future, isn't this going to cost a lot more than just doing it right now, and if there are plans for extension then why not just do it straight away? This project is already going to take 10 years so we may as well incorporate the extension now. Overall, there seems to be a lot of money spend to 'cater for everyone' but do we really need 6 different swimming pools (warm water pool, 25m pool, leisure pool, slide pool, learn to swim pool, and water play pool)? This seems highly unnecessary and we could easily have reduced the amounts of pool to have a 50m pool indeed. I do think this project is great and has high potential but we could have used this centre to hold massive inter-shires and even inter-state schools competitions which would have brought a lot of tourism to the shire and increased revenues.

Why will the ESC not even listen to their rate payers and install a 50 m pool. The current ESC members (until the next election) need to look at leisure centre designs that include a 50 m pool that have successfully been built in Australia recently. There are quite a few of them if they bothered to look. As I mentioned earlier, why have you combined an arts facility with a leisure centre? The two are not linked in any way. I do not understand the thinking here.

It's fantastic that we are looking at this - it's well overdue. I think to get the most usage it would be good to have it all indoors so the whole facility can be open all year.

Listen to the Community and build a 50m pool! Take the cotton wool out of your ears and remove your blindfolds!

It is a mistake to not survey the community on their preference for a 50 metre pool.

The gym will require sufficient area to house the following: a permanent spin room, exercise floor area, permanent weights room plus admin, shop, therapy rooms and change room facilities with showers and toilets. Toilets must be provided on the first floor. Pools and art workshop rooms should be north facing to take advantage of light and warmth.

Indoors: All pools should be indoors. In a shire blessed with outdoor activities we need something to do when the weather is inclement. Doubly so for our visitors. If they wake up to a rainy day they can say "no worries, we'll go to the pool." Pool Size: The 25m (vs 50m) pool is the better option if it means more/diverse pools. We need to look after all our people, young and old, fit or not.

Minigolf: Where are they?

Would have liked to see measurements and more explanation of boxed areas with no explanation. Should have the Art Gallery and wet and dry rooms over in the Aquatic Area and the Dance Rehearsal that would have other uses. More toilets needed and if a gym upstairs. Don't rush it get it right. Don't think you have seen enough other regional facilities.

Maintain privacy for the user, have good car park particularly for the elderly & parents with prams.

Make sure kids can't escape onto the highway.

want 50 metre pool, the idea of removing a 50 metre pool and replacing it with a 25 metre is absolutely crazy, only in Eurobodalla shire could such a decision be made.

Will there be an overhead foot bridge or tunnel over to the shopping centre. What is going to be put on the bowling club site when the bridge is completed. Are the buses going to run past these complexes with sheltered bus stops. Are there road plans for this new complex as intersection back onto the highway will get much busier especially in holiday times

The sooner the better

Combined with a visitor information centre and a community centre and you could have a winner.

You could have two community areas, ground floor and first floor, no Gym there are more Gyms in B B than anywhere else on earth.

We need a 50m outdoor pool. Have a look at Milne Bay Aquatic centre in Toowoomba for a good centre. I think Mackay Park should be kept as a sports hub and not combined with Art. They don't go together and shouldn't be together.

Must include a 50m pool.

I think this is long overdue in Batemans Bay and exactly what the community needs. I would much prefer a 25m pool with 10 lanes and have everything else that is on offer to provide for the wider community not one particular group. I also feel by offering the variety of services helps tourism in the town. When families are looking at what Batemans Bay has to offer to see that type of facility with slides and a theatre where there may be shows will only entice people. I have lived in Batemans Bay for 17 years and have often thought of leaving as there has been no growth and things for young families of the community. To see this finally happening in our community along with the new bridge is very exciting! I am sick of hearing fight for 50m pool. I might start the fight for 25m. Don't let the minority of louder people sway this council of moving forward!!

Notwithstanding the argument about cost of 50m pool, replacing current pool with 25m pool is not servicing local community who enjoy swimming for exercise and want to improve technique. Also not servicing younger generation from becoming competitive swimmers in future.

1/ The spa is very important to me because I have severe chronic pain and the spa helps a lot. I hope that a lot of space will be given to the spa as it will be used by a lot of people. I go to Ulladulla 2 times a week to use the spa: I often have to wait my turn to use it. 2/ The 25 metre 10 lane pool is very good. The AIS pool in Thredbo started off as 25 metre and eight lanes. That was designed for top elite swimmers from Australia and internationally. They have now extended the Thredbo pool so that there is one pool that has 4 lanes of 25 metres and 4 lanes of 50 metres. The AIS in Thredbo were willing to start with 25 metre pool and in the long term were able to extend 4 of the lanes to 50 metres. That is a reasoned practical approach. 3/ The aggressive offensive manner of the people agitating for a 50 metre pool is not helping their case, it is alienating people and losing them support.

No except the sooner the better

Access - Will both access and egress be permitted from Beach Rd and the new southern access road on the Pacific Highway? - Total number of parking spaces being provided? Is there any parking overflow outside of dedicated spaces? - Number of disabled parking spaces being provided?

I think it's a wonderful initiative and sorely needed. Well done Council and the design team. I moved here from Sydney in 2015 and was astounded that there wasn't an indoor aquatic centre here, especially given our colder climate. Being a senior citizen I was looking forward to year round aqua classes and winter swimming only to be disappointed. This would provide a great option for younger families on rainy summer days or in the cooler months and might help stimulate our tourism

economy.

Too many separate pools / water areas for children. Pointless trying to do laps in a 25m pool. A separate waterplay and slide pool is unnecessary. Please incorporate a 50m pool.

Whatever design happens, the Pool needs to be Olympic size (50 metres) NOT the design concept of 25 metres.

We go to Ulladulla pool 3 times a week year round for rehabilitation. If we had facilities locally we would go every day because we need the pool for rehabilitation, improved mobility and pain relief. In addition to going to Ulladulla pool, I use Batemans Bay pool in summer, but my partner cannot use the Batemans Bay outdoor pool because the water is too cold: it worsens his condition. He uses the spa extensively as it eases his back pain. I alternate pool exercises, walking in the pool and swimming. The warmer water in the program pool is more beneficial for me but it is very heavily booked for the extremely disabled, and for toddlers and babies learn to swim, so I often don't get the chance to use it, and then I use the lap pool instead. Your figures for pool users in Batemans Bay don't take into account that a lot of people are travelling to Ulladulla for rehab or individual swimming and training all year round. We go to Ulladulla pool 3 times a week. If we had a local pool with spa and heated program pool we would use it daily for rehabilitation and pain relief.

Please ensure lane ropes can go across width so deep end can be used for polo in the evenings and other quiet times. Also need to purchase two goals . Approx \$12k.

Scratch the whole lot and ask the people what they want. Cover the 50 mt pool as it stands.

The boulevard area plantings could be designed to incorporate plantings etc which link to the foreshore. Public art opportunity. Heritage is of key interest to visitors and developing amongst residents. The foyer of the Arts area and the boulevard offer opportunities to embrace the story of Batemans Bay.

it needs to be 50m plan for the future - in 20 years we will be pulling it down for a bigger pool

Thank you for trying to please people, sadly you can't please everyone.

No

Including a space between the aquatic centre and the theatre provides an opportunity for the provision of more green space and would provide a nice area to wait to enter the theatre. Having the cafe located at a point where it is easily accessed from both the aquatic section and theatre section is important. Its a shame that there is no 50 metre pool, however for lap swimming and for learning to swim a 25 metre pool is adequate. My only thought is swimming carnivals where races occur over a 50 metre distance. You could do some interesting things to fix this, like have 4 lanes as 50 metres and 6 as 25 metres or something. Or invent ways to construct a 50 metre pool which can be separated into a 25 metre pool and the other section covered over when not in use or something. Sounds a bit complex but it would be pretty spectacular if you pulled it off. Anyway Concept A & B are my personal preference. I like the idea of having the gym on a second level meaning more green space can be incorporated around the structures. Who knows - mini golf might even be able to relocate into the second storey as well!

I would like to see planning for the future. Should funds become available for an outdoor 50m pool, allowing for this to be placed so that common bathroom and lifeguard facilities could be used would be ideal. The outdoor area for pools is seasonal, and not practical for children year round, so would like an indoor year round option, BUT possibly seasonal 50m pool in future. The natural light affects the facility greatly, and I would like the pool with northerly sunlight in winter. Overall, I would like a 10lane 25m year round pool to swim in that's welcoming, not just artificially lit. Maybe even doors to open in summer on warm days? Ulladulla pool is a great example of forethought and planning and a pleasure to swim in.

My use of the Centre would not only be personal as noted above but at times with grandchildren for leisure and with visitors in different areas. The Aquatic component definitely needs to be all year round indoor heated to be of any use to the general public.

Just build it already

Preference for Concept B.

We need a 50m pool

Need to have bigger areas around lap pool and warm water pool to facilitate marshalling and spectator space for carnivals. With Concept A the gym could be used for these purposes if access is made to pool area. The warm water pool needs a moving floor to adjust the depth of water for learn to swim and rehabilitation needs for clients. Both foyers should be orientated to the same direction or even joined by a long glass corridor for ease of staffing.

Useful addition to regional facilities.

no

Great idea, theatre is a must, don't let the 50 meter pool brigade stop the project their concerns are articulately covered in the FAQs

Always being fully aware of the constraints regarding initial funding, yet when you have this type of project, it is important not to maximise the opportunity. So regardless we should make this facility as spacious and complete from day one. The disproportionate amount of space for "learn to swim, water play and leisure pool, in a way could be better applied to a more complete swim centre. In a swim centre focussed on club and interclub competition, it will become important eventually to have a full sized pool. Theatre layout looks really practical with good access spaces. Well done with this layout. There needs to be a 50m pool! We should build facilities that foster sports people to have a healthier community. Have you ever done laps in a 25m pool? You turn around to frequently disrupting the swim.

well done on the consultation process was easy to see and to talk to staff

Please don't demolish the 50mtr pool. The closest to us will be Ulladulla or Narooma.

Its a GREAT concept that will add enormous benefits to this shire - complemented by this new, modern 4 lane sweeping highway across our beautiful waterways. Can't wait !!

I find it so upsetting that the community is being ignored. There is so much song and dance about wanting a 50m pool and council is ignoring the fact. We received extra funding from the government to go towards this project and still there is no change in the length of the pool construction. We are a growing community with families moving to the area and anyone who just swims laps for fitness understands the limitations of a 25m pool. 25m pools are not SUITABLE for LAP SWIMMING! So many other councils can look to the future and build an environment to suit the growing needs of their population, not ESC. It makes people hate council even more when they continue to ignore the what the community says and the rate payers.

I am really disappointed to be in a position to be powerless to retain a wonderful outdoor facility which is probably the envy of other small regional centres. It is a meeting place for community education and recreation which cannot be replaced by a complex such as the one being currently offered. The money could have been much better spent on refurbishing the out door 50m pool. I have received the same answer repeatedly ... the big pool is 'past its use by date'. I do not believe that it cannot be restored to its former glory - I just think that there are vested interests preventing this from happening. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I VOTE TO KEEP THE OUTDOOR 50m POOL AS A VALUABLE AND MUCH NEEDED COMMUNITY FACILITY.

Still need a 50m pool. This complex needs to be at Hanging Rock to allow better usage and in turn a better income for ESC. Who would let their children go alone to the proposed facility by bike, etc, where at Hanging Rock Sports Area there is good public transport and bike paths.

shading a must for cars

I'm disappointed and confused about the discrepancy between the design principles for the Regional Aquatic, Arts & Leisure Centre (from ESC website), and the Mackay Park Batemans Bay Aquatic & Arts Facility Frequently Asked Questions document (Jan. 2019). The principles state: "The site will play an important role as the gateway into an important new recreation, community and tourism precinct for the town. It is, and will increasingly be, a key destination in Batemans Bay and the region for residents and visitors. The design needs to work for the key components/services within the centre (arts, aquatic, leisure, visitor information, community). The design of the centre will achieve this: ...in a manner that accommodates the needs of all potential users of the facility (including community users

and visitors seeking tourist information). The foyer areas, including the gateway visitor centre, should reflect a sense of welcome & discovery in relation to Eurobodalla, Batemans Bay, & the facilities in the Mackay Park precinct." This is at odds with each of the 3 concepts which omit any reference to visitor information services or the "gateway visitor centre". The FAQ's state, "It is proposed a visitor information service will be provided in the aquatic facility." Visitor information services are listed under shared facilities. There would be overwhelming support for a designated visitor information service in the form of the originally proposed "gateway visitor centre" as opposed to a shared space within the aquatic facility. If your survey responses don't reflect this, I suspect it is only because ratepayers haven't noticed the divergence between the principles and the plans. Tourism is this Shire's largest industry-keeping local businesses afloat & employing thousands. My understanding is that the Batemans Bay Visitor Centre staff have certification, training and experience in attending to visitor requests, which can range from seeking information on the attractions of the region to specific accommodation enquiries. To not give tourism and its related visitor information service the presence it deserves would be a monumental step backwards, & undo any major inroads made in recent decades to this multi-million dollar industry. I hope this has been an oversight & will be rectified. The future of this region depends upon it.

A pool splash water park would be nice. The only reason that I, a Moruya resident, would visit this complex. If it was a 50m pool we would go every week or so for lap swimming in summer. Theatre may get used if there is a decent play on. The local dance studios have rooms already in the bay. There are enough gyms and cafes already. Duplication of services we have and lacking what we really need (a decent outdoor 50m pool!).

My main concern is that if Council sells off the existing Community Centre when this complex is built, we will lose meeting rooms and the main hall in the Community Centre.

Council needs to re-think this whole concept, do some forecasting for future usage long-term and during busy periods (eg xmas holidays), and definitely the cost. I damn well hope us rate payers will not foot the bill for Council's errors!

Im very happy that the community only has to pay the ongoing cost of a 25m pool. This is an outstanding project and hopefully if the correct decisions are made and the facility is constructed well, this will be an iconic expression of the south coast.

I am thrilled to see that you are listening to the community and have two viable options that have separated the two areas. Thank you.

shame you have lost the 100 metre pool

If a 50m pool means the sacrifice of the other pools then we prefer to stay with the 25m pool.

Cancel the 25 make a 5 lane 50m pool with bulk head or leave our 50m pool there

A 50 metre pool should be instead of 25 metre. Ridiculous to put learn to swim and play area outside. Take a visit to some of the centres in Canberra, particularly the one in Belconnen.

I believe that learn to swim pool must be in building, thus prefer concept B. mini golf attracts patronage so it needs to be adjacent to pool

I'm a State level swimmer from Canberra and visit the Eurobodalla every summer with my family to stay with my grandparents. I'm also a Nipper at Broulee Surfers SLSC and come down to participate at Broulee every weekend. It doesn't make sense to remove an outdoor 50 metre pool to only build a 25 metre indoor pool. I train at the pool in summer with many other kids who visit the area from other towns. I wouldn't want to train in a 25 metre pool in summer when all the competition is long course or surf life saving. Even throughout the competitive swimming year short course swimming events are only regarded as novelty events. In addition to training I like to go to the pool to swim with friends and hangout - there is no way I would want to do this at an indoor pool on a hot summers day. The most popular pools in Canberra on a hot day are Dickson, Phillip, Manuka and Jamison because they are all outdoor refreshing pools. One day I would like to live near Batemans Bay but I don't think I would consider it if it has facilities that are worse than what is currently available. In regards to the Arts and Leisure centre it looks as though it has been designed to suit the needs of stage performances only and there is very little space provided for the exhibition of visual arts. The

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concepts for the Arts and Leisure centre already look outdated and too small and inflexible to cater for a range of art and theatre productions. In addition to my comments point I've noticed that the survey methodology has been updated to provide a responses of 'none' under the question "Which items would you most use?" - I trust that the ESC will be excluding all responses received for this question prior to 16/1/19 as they will be statistically invalid.

just make sure you do a good job of it. and get it done asap.

As a swimmer who learnt to swim in Moruya's 33m I was fortunate to access Batemans Bay's 50m in order to extend my swimming to compete at an International level and have a deep understanding of swimming mechanics and endurance benefits provided by 50m pools. Swimmers in the Batemans Bay region without access to a 50m pool will need to travel up to an hour to either Ulladulla or Narooma to access the facilities that were once available to previous generations. As a member of Broulee Surfers SLSC I've seen a decline in swimming ability of Eurobodalla youth. I do not believe this is solely due to the decisions of ESC, rather other factors such as increased diversity of sporting options and increased in prohibitive regulations impacting sports in general. However the removal of a 50m pool will further reduce opportunities swimmers in the region. Eurobodalla volunteer Surf Life Savers and Council Life Guards need to be comfortable in open water swimming, possess efficient stroke cadence and endurance that is achieved through swimming in 50m pools, not 25m pools. Attempts by the ESC to justify a 25m pool with claims of hosting Short Course events highlights the Council's ignorance regarding competitive swimming. Short Course is not regarded as a main priority within the competitive swimming community. In addition I do not believe that any of three concepts have provision to be extended the 25m to 50m, if and when it required in the future. As an all year swimmer visiting the Bay each summer with my family to train in the 50m pool – myself along with many other visiting families who train at the Bay would choose to visit other areas. Proponents of indoor 25m pool fail to consider that the noise and heat of these environments ensure that they are unpleasant spaces to spend time in. Outdoor municipal pools "do" things in communities; an indoor 25m pool in the antiseptic environment of a multi-purpose leisure centre cannot offset their social capital of an outdoor 50m pool.

I want a 50 m pool not a play centre with waterslide for hoons

Well done with all the community consultation!

It needs to accommodate features that the community wants and will need into the future - 50 years probably - so that the maximum number of users will be attracted and produce optimum revenue to offset the costs.

It's long over due and I think council has moved this along very quickly. I get why we don't have a 50m lap pool and am excited to see it starting to take shape

As I said, I wouldn't use it without a 50m pool.

Repair or rebuild our existing 50 metre pool

Tell the community more about what is happening with the mini golf because clearly it is being removed and the relocation of down the road/next door to this centre isn't being shown. Therefore where is it going, what is council doing to ensure this attraction stays in the shire, and what is it doing to a local business owner???

I am gobsmacked that council has decided to remove our 50m pool. Why wasn't the community asked what we wanted? As this is a 'regional' facility will council be providing transport to the facility from other towns in the shire? I can't see that our influx of visitors in the warmer months will want to use the facilities heated water bodies. This would have a huge impact on income generation that is needed run, maintain and repair the facility.

Why are you confusing the issue combining these two completely separate community facilities. Go ahead build a arts centre but don't confuse this facility with the need to build a 50 metre pool. That's what pool users want.

rooftop bar/restaurant

51 m \$ really and how many staff will it have. how much is that going to cost

You need a 50 metre pool, because i would use that to swim laps like i already do.

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Like so many other residents, I would like to see council provide the leisure centre with its 50m pool. I absolutely love concept 3 but you need to build for the future now. Please here what the rate payers want and need. Let's get this up and provide for our children. My children are aged 9 to 15, they will all be teens before this is finished. Please act swiftly to get the project started and have foresight to put the site on the map as a real community and tourist destination for Batemans Bay.

Disappointing we lose our 50m pool for area. Hopefully ESC will consider a 50m pool for moruya being the central location of our Eurobodalla

what are the colour schemes of the building, add some meeting rooms, rentable conference rooms, a peace garden, outdoor playspace

I wish I was working with the designers! What a great brief.

Not inspiring. Need three concepts that show water facilities indoors. Poorly conceived designs. Need to see elevations to comment properly.

I would like to see more space for visual arts, perhaps the foyer area doubling as an art gallery.

I'm worried about the cost burden of this project on ratepayers. Batemans Bay doesn't use its pool now, but to come close to being anything other than a money pit, it needs a diverse range of elements that appeal to the broadest range of users, myself included.

I would like to state that I would use the pool if it was a 50m pool. I do not see the sense in building a 25m pool which will not provide the facility the community is looking for. Further as stated against all Concept plans I don't understand why a Gym is being included in the complex. This facility is not needed when you consider the number of privately owned gyms in the Batemans Bay area and shire in general - and the direct impact on those businesses by including a gym in the complex is ludicrous. Further the omission of the Gym will provide the room to fit a 50m pool within Concept A and B, which the community wants.

Make it architecturally stunning (exterior). A landmark for the shire.

It is a pity that there has not been consideration given to providing a bus interchange with lockers and taxi rank on the site which would alleviate traffic congestion in Clyde/Orient streets and place visitors who arrive without a car direct access to visitor information and links to local transport. Dump points and potable water facilities for RVs and vans would increase likelihood of these travellers stopping at the precinct.

NO

I feel it's much better to have 25mtr pool with all the others than just a 50mtr pool. There is something to suit all ages and fitness abilities. I am sure it will get used by a lot more people.

I think you are trying to please too broad a group with the danger of not pleasing anyone. Too many things in one small space.

Make the 25 metre pool an Olympic undercover pool. Leave out the play facilities and make the therapy pool bigger. Make the theatre bigger with seating for 850 people. Think about the future and the fitness needs of the community. Play facilities that can only be used during the warmer months are a complete waste of money. Very very disappointed in this concept Council have missed the mark on this one.

Overall the three concepts are disappointing. They have moved away from the Otium concept which showed all of the aquatic facilities could all be indoors which is important to provide a variety of uses year round which is the key to revenue generation. Likewise not having shared facilities - this moves away from Otium concept and can impact financial sustainability - eg not having a cafe in the arts centre. A guiding principle in this development is to have as many different uses (features) as possible, year round, to attract as many different users as possible. It is good to see that there is no 50m pool option as this would take up valuable space that is needed to diversify the different offerings in the centre. You will not please everyone but I look forward to using whatever is built. People complaining about the lack of a 50m pool should acknowledge there isn't one now for half of the year!

Include sliding stacker doors that can be opened on hot days and limit oppressive heat

The question above is not fair, I wouldn't use any of the options provided. I'm an ACT/National level swimmer from Canberra and visit the Eurobodalla every summer to stay with my grandparents. I'm

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also a Nipper at Broulee Surfers SLSC and come down to participate at Broulee. It doesn't make sense to remove an outdoor 50 metre pool to only build a 25 metre indoor pool. I train at the pool in summer with many other kids who visit the area from other towns. I wouldn't want to train in a 25 metre pool in summer when all the competition is long course. Even throughout the competitive swimming year short course swimming events are just a novelty.

no

Would like to see room to extend pool to 50 metres

This will be a great attraction for Batemans Bay, much overdue. Concept B is the best design I think. I have built many homes and am in the building industry so have some idea of what works.

mini golf should be accommodated at this location, it will assist to attract people and rubber stamp the development as a fun location with varied resources.

Council has not listened to the focus group I attended, Surprised at such a simplistic plan that lacks capacity and functionality

I'm not happy about any of it, it's wasting MY money

Above question should be none but no option for that answer! My opinion... it's in the wrong spot.

Wrong side of the highway. Bad enough to get thru town in peak season as it is let alone crossing the highway just for a swim. Hanging Rock better suited. Arts/Aquatic don't go together. Pool should be 50m. Too many other "bits" not required.

This will be a fantastic addition to Batemans Bay and I have no objections to a 25 m pool as there are plenty of other swimming and recreational spaces available

If I have a stroke in the future I could make use of this all else is a useless waste of money. Costing local families time and money they cannot afford taking their children daily to other towns

We must have a 50m pool. We are losing families to Ulladulla!!

I feel the mini golf business is a great tourist attraction and should be incorporated in the centre.

It appears that the council has been misled by the views of an aging minority and misinformed by consultants regarding 25 metre pools. The decision by council is driven solely by economics without any consideration to the social capital of 50 metre pools as community assets. Why won't the council release the maintenance report for the pool?

Why on earth knock down bowl o that would have accommodated some of these new proposals and then say no room and too expensive for 50 metre pool??? Time to vote.

Can't wait to see the finished product.

Use this opportunity to set a high design standard for all future developments in Batemans Bay.

Why in are we going backwards with a 25 meter pool. All the extra facilities are a luxury. Schools, our great local swimming talent will all be affected by making a smaller pool. I would rather drive to Ulladulla than use a 25meter pool.

If it was 50 mts 2 to 3 times a month..

It needs to be a 50 metre pool. No one cares about all the extras

Having a family and being heavily involved in the local community a major disappointment for locals and visitors is what can our children do? There is next to nothing for them and that is why so many wander the streets causing mischief. Incorporating a cafe and amazing water park area would not only be a huge attraction for locals but also visitors coming to the area with families.

Council have only listened to the arts people and not the majority of the population who want a 50metre pool. Again council tell us what they want and don't listen to the general realistic ratepayers

I hope it actually gets built around all the other projects going on with the bridge and the link road lots of outside workers needed or it will never get built if just left to the council!!!

Is this going in place of where mini golf is now? Can't really tell from plans.

Need for separate spaces apart from gym for health and fitness., Take into consideration demographics of population and provide space for tai chi, yoga, stretching, seated gymnastics etc.

What provision is there for people with disabilities or long-term health issues?



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Nothing is the answer to the above question but no option for that. I don't think arts/aquatic go together for starters. Aquatic should be at Hanging Rock as originally adopted by council. 50m pool should be included now to cater for the growing population. Have it outdoors with the provision to have it enclosed in winter. Too many water bodies needing different temperatures seems to mean higher running costs. Theatre too small. You say performers want quality over quantity and they will just add extra shows but will they or will they utilise the Soldiers Club?

50m pool forget the arts centre that nobody will use.

To not have a 50m pool in the main HUB Batemans Bay the heart of the Eurobodalla is very disappointing and is not supporting our current future athletes with the proposed. I have no doubt that interested parties have had their pockets lined well.

it would be better to have a 50m pool

Great concepts to get the community thinking! As a previous swimming teacher and swimmer myself, I do not believe that we require a 50m indoor pool facility in Batemans Bay.

It really needs a 50 metre pool, there is no way people can train in this if they are going to be completing in a race they will have to go somewhere else to train and this defeats the purpose of having this centre as it should be attracting people here for events for the pool but this won't happen as 25 metre will not attract, we need the tourism for the whole year and if it was a 50 metre pool it will attract more events.

please give us options with a 50m pool

You need to get the pool layout right. It needs to be safe, easy to use and be suitable for all users. Eg LTS pool must be inside, easy to supervise for parents and staff. Correct ventilation, opening doors for summer, easy access to plant room and first aid areas for staff, bathroom access for pool and gym, 25m Pool is a joke, it needs to be 50m for proper swim meets to attract other users, your spending money on other minor pools which will only create maintenance issues etc

Looking forward to the completion.

cant wait

This is going to be a fantastic facility for our community. Really looking forward to more theatre area which hopefully will bring more shows here. The opportunity for the community to access healthy lifestyle is great.

no

Please listen to the residents. 50m is what people want. You are currently losing valued community members who are fed up with travelling to Narooma & Ulladulla. People you should not want to lose; volunteers in surf clubs, teachers, tradies etc. More will leave if 25m goes ahead. 50m will attract people to the area. 25m won't. I would prefer it to be a true sporting precinct. Swimming, basketball, athletics, tennis etc could be in one area. We do not need more meeting rooms, there are plenty in the shire already. Most clubs, Baylink etc. have these rooms available for use. An arts centre would be better suited to the Hanging Rock precinct next to the uni campus. Move the basketball & put it there. If there was basketball etc in the centre those people would then be more likely to use the pool which means more revenue. Those using the arts centre will not be likely to use the pool. Sport should be all together. Arts centre elsewhere

There should be a 50 metre pool

Could you make it 2 stories with the theatre on top of the pool ?

Requires a 50m pool. Anything less is failing the broader community, and denying them access to something they already have... a 50m pool.

It is no secret that the visitor centre, as it is now, will not be there for the long term. The new precinct really needs to include a space for visitor information services.

Lets get it going!! Batemans Bay needs this amazing facility.

A long pool is the only way we will encourage young swimmers to seriously train for olympics; and travel to other facilities within reach of the bay is outside the possibility of regular training for working parents.

Looks like too much in a small space.

I think the warm water pool will be great for people recovering from injury/surgery and disabled and elderly people. The learn to swim pool will also be very popular.

Ensure that the theatre seats and leg space is "generous". It is better to lose capacity than comfort to ensure full theatre bookings.

Please build it ASAP Batemans Bay is decads behind in this area.

You have advised that the 25m pool could be extended to 50m down th track. You should make it known what either design would be like with a 50m pool extension. We trust you have included access to the café without paying to use the facilities??? A coffee fix

Prefer Concept C

I don't use the pool at the moment, but who knows about the future use. I am very interested in the facility for having art workshops and exhibitions, concerts. The layout and separation between the different activities.

Concept B will offer everything Batemans Bay is needing at this point in time. An option to extend the Aquatic Centre in the future would be a welcoming plan.

Whatever is built on the site will be a massive improvement to what is here now. The jobs that it will provide is very much needed in Batemans Bay. Something nice to look at when coming into the Bay.

I believe it should be built in our regional, planned growth area the capital of our shire "MORUYA" LESS THAN 15 minutes from Batemans Bay.

Should be as energy efficient as possible. Incorporate innovative, localised (unique to the Eurobodalla) spaces. Include sustainability principles, natural products etc.

Increase 25m pool to 50 metres. 25m pools are not as versatile (particularly as there is 50M NOW).

Please keep the 50m pool. One of the most beautiful things in Australia is the outdoor Olympic pool - part of our heritage, culture and keeps us fit.

I would like to make sure it is an all year round facility as we need to make money to keep it running. So much work in the arts, the production, exhibition and promotion of the arts relies on volunteers - while I applaud volunteers - they cannot be the backbone of a healthy/thriving arts facility or theatre! Be sure to build employed - paid - skilled - technicians to work in these facilities - don't just "build" the buildings - facilitate - fund - enjoy!!!

It is a much needed facility and a fantastic piece of infrastructure that will provide not only health and cultural benefits for the community. If the aquatic/pool centre is carefully designed using smart and renewable technology and energy this will help keep running costs down and ensure its long term sustainability. Such technology would include solar energy, smart energy meters and clever temperature and ventilation systems. For instance, some building s in Queensland are using minature wind turbines/power for ventilation, especially in keep buildings cooler by activating exhaust fans. This might be useful in controlling the aquatic centres humidity and air temperature is at low running costs.

You are putting the future of Eurobodalla childrens swimming ability to compete at regional level at risk by only having a 25m pool. There is so much subdivision going on between B'Bay and Moruya the demand for the facility will quadruple by the time its built. Plan for the future!!! Your electorate will thank you.

I think that there are many existing venues in the Shire that can be utilised for individual planned uses of the Arts and Leisure Centre without building a expensive purpose built Arts and Theatre Centre, which if to be built would be more centralto the Shire, if built in Moruya near the Council chambers. I think it a shame that the 50m pool that already exists can't be renovated for all year round use and a smaller attached building be constructed for indoor hydrotherapy. A waterplay/slide area could be built near the 50m outdoor pool.

The whole concept of a multiuse recreation and cultural centre is a great idea in this location. More careful design is needed to ensure a good public interface and accessibility re car parking/larger foyers/covered walkways noise separation between the different complexes and user groups. More art gallery space cpould be possible if a wider covered corridor/promenade area was made between

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the two complexes (in all concepts especially 3). The preferred concept is Concept 3 as it is more efficient and more integrated and pool areas are on the beach road end, but some noise and visual separation between the complexes is still needed.

Let's build it!!

All too small (no dimensions). No solar? Is Council in competition with other businesses? Eg gym. Is it really value for money \$51M? No master plan for BB town?

Not a good idea to have a pool complex joined with the performing arts people.

The concept of an aquatic centre is good but the community deserve a 50m pool to be included. How can you spend \$51M or more of public funds on a centre without a 50m pool included.

Please reconsider 50m pool.

I think this should be somewhere else.

Why is it going to be on the mini golf block?

Not sure if this is located in the right place!

Why no 50m pool. Why next to a 4 lane highway with fumes. Don't like location. Theatre too small.

Should be built somewhere else. What about Mini Golf? Pool too small.

Where is it to be located? This doesn't tell you?

The pool should be longer.

Should be at another site.

It would be god to ensure that the theatre can have digital projection for films and a screen. If not right away, then in the future (this is important!)

Would prefer to see fewer add ons and a quality build/well sound proofed and air conditioned aquatic centre with clearly shown space to extend to 50m in the future. Hate indoor pools in summer!

An aquatic centre that doesn't have a 50 metre pool excludes many current swimmers including me. It is cruel to exclude swimmers from the only public swimming facility in Batemans Bay.

Need a 50m pool for our future Olympians.

Going from a 50m pool to a 25m pool is a huge step backwards. There is plenty of room on site to have a 50m pool so why would you opt for 25m?? A 50m pool will attract regional carnivals and council should consider the use of a boom to be able to divide a 50m in 2 x 25m see Prairiewood leisure centre pool in the Fairfield LGA.

Batemans Bay is a tourist town so why take away the things that keep people coming back eg mini golf a 50m pool.

I like that there are plantings planned for the complex. Overall prefer plan A. However, as I am a regular lap swimmer and do not enjoy the environment of indoor pools, I would be pleased if large sliding doors could be incorporated to allow ventilation during the warmer months.

Cannot see the reason for duplicating business in town already (gym's). If use for wellness classes OK.

Bit smaller. Warm water pool looks far too small.

Hydrotherapy pool should be at hospital. Gallery too smal. Publish real costings.

Arts centre that nobody wants. Except someone on council.

Wrong location and next to highway smell fumes

I have been doing laps in our pool for 35yrs plus, still think we need a outdoor pool for laps even if it is 25 meters. I doubt many people will not want a outdoor pool. More people are doing laps now. I wish the Council would consider what the lap swimmers want. A lot of the lap swimmers have been doing laps for years and are not happy not to have a outdoor pool even if it is 25 meters. Wee would like to swim outdoor in the summer time.

Great Bring it on!

Attachment E – Usage – Other Comments

**HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU USE AN AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE AT MACKAY PARK –  
OTHER RESPONSES**

Currently lap swim every day- like 50m.pool

At least twice a week

Daily if it includes 50m pool

Not anymore with no 50m

4 or 5 times a year

I would use the lap pool several times a week... a 50m lap pool!

This is assuming adequate construction of a 50 metre pool.

Sporadically.

The warm water pool, 5 times a week.

Daily if it had a 50m pool

Would be more likely to use it if there was a decent 50m size pool

Few times a year

Non-resident ratepayer, so usage would be ad hoc.

Use during school holidays when children and grandchildren visit.

I would not travel for an indoor 25m pool, I would instead go to Narooma pool for a decent swim.

As an aspiring dance studio owner I would benefit from the arts centre tremendously as I would love to use the theatre for my studios performances, the area lacks in professionalism for the arts and it would real benefit the area of expertise. Super excited!

Depends on what is being held there.

If there was a 50m pool make a 50m 5 land pool with bulk head

Half the year if my children cannot use the play spaces or learn to swim pools half of the year ,

Would mainly use it for swimming so frequently. especially if the kids water play area is good

Never, without a 50meter pool I would not have a reason to visit for either training or socially as I currently do.

Who knows - depends on what's there and how well it's done.

Never if no 50m pool, otherwise 2-3 times a week

Unknown until facility is operational.

Never

I would use the pool if it is 50 metre

depends on the play but BTP have that sewn up

A couple of times a year

occasionally depending on events held in the theatre

I would use the indoor pool and arts centre regularly if you are able to attract some good artists.

Given the size, I doubt it therefore will continue to make the trip to Sydney or Canberra theatre

Never use it as it doesn't meet the needs of a competitive, training or lap swimmer.

Depending on performance times

If it was a decent design I would use it regularly. I used the old pool for the 50metre purpose for general training. 25metre is no good to me.

Once a week to several times a week if a 50m pool was involved as swimming training

a few times a few 3 months a year

in winter probably once a week

If there was a 50m pool!

Used to work at the existing pool for 13 years

[Attachment F – Other Submissions](#)

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 January 2019 8:59 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre feedback  
**Attachments:** Mackay Park Precinct Plan p53\_Revised.JPG

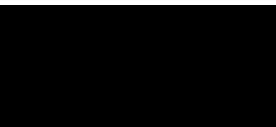
Dear Eurobodalla Council,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the draft concept plans by the extremely talented NBR Architecture firm.

Firstly though, I think the Masterplan is not yet correct. I think the pool should be located adjacent to the water on the edge of the site (not facing the road). I note that the architects in their wisdom are trying to create small garden/outdoors areas to which the pool can connect both visually and programmatically. We have this fantastic water course already, the Clyde River. The oval currently does not connect with it at all and as the larger, noisier and busier event space it should go next the road, putting the pool at the back next to the river. Plus, it is very likely Aboriginal artefacts would be found there (we can incorporate them into the pool's outdoor landscaped spaces) and retain the use of the river edge for swimming. The parking and site access should be places to the south of the site. It shouldn't be the first part of the complex people see as people cross the bridge and the existing Stocklands intersection should not be further hampered by the addition of thousands of cars for an event (also learning the Bunnings lesson of being much more careful where to place entries and exits). By placing the site access and carparking further south it would spread out the traffic load and allow it to be more appropriately screened with less visual impact.

Secondly, I prefer Concept C but have issues with the space allocations, one room for the Art Gallery? and only a 350 person auditorium seem token at best. The learn to swim pool is similarly tiny. We are replicating existing community spaces rather than providing genuine facilities that the community in Batemans Bay is lacking (or losing as in the case of the 50 metre pool).

By creating a smart, efficient and clever masterplan first we are best serving the site, it's original and current owners (the community). I hope we get this right first and then revise the brief so it actually provides the facilities the people want. If a huge auditorium is what was promised, perhaps deliver it later in a few years, after the 50m pool is in. Leave the tiny one to Bay Theatre Players for now.



**Name**

**Email**

**Post code** 2536

**Submission** While I would love to see the pool kept a 50m olympic pool, I also see the benefit in having this facility for the community as long as there is adequate pool space for children - particularly older children, not just babies/toddlers - as my kids love the pool. Unfortunately by the time its completed, they will be in their mid to late teens and possibly leaving town. Lets get this started!

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, 10 January 2019 11:44 AM

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Aquatic/Arts centre

For what it's worth, here is my opinion.

Firstly I must say that, along with many in the community, I believe it is a backward step to downgrade to a 25m pool. Council has stated, on many occasions, that the area is growing at a rapid rate which is evidenced by the rapid filling of any new estate releases. Will a 25m pool really cut it for the growing population, not only in Batemans Bay but in the whole shire?



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If the development proposed for the Coachhouse site gets approved this will bring in a lot of over 55s, many of who will use the pool for aqua aerobics, laps etc. Is there enough room for all?

I understand that quite a few parents will travel out of the shire to enable their children to receive adequate training in a 50m pool. None I have spoken to said they would travel to Narooma.

It is also a concern if schools are forced to travel to Narooma for swimming carnivals. This is adding more cost to both parents and schools.

I also believe it will be on the wrong side of the highway and should be located at Hanging Rock as originally endorsed by council. Getting through town during peak seasons is a nightmare with common reports regularly of time taken to get from Batehaven to the police station taking up to an hour or more. This I can't see improving with the new bridge either as trucks leaving Clyde St will need to travel up Orient St to enable getting onto the highway.

Having a 50m (or 25m as council has decided) that can be open in summer and enclosed in winter seems to me to make more sense. I could think of nothing worse than sitting in a car with bored/excited kids heading to a heated pool when it's 40°. Made worse by the traffic jams.

There seem to be a lot of water bodies all requiring different temperatures. Surely this would add substantially to running costs?

Concept plans show learn to swim/leisure/splash components outdoors. This will limit the use to summer only and reduce revenue.

The concept plans also don't seem to show enough storage areas, cafe in the swimming area away from the theatre, no kitchen facilities attached to the function room, minimal room for spectators at swimming carnivals etc. There also doesn't seem much option to expand the pool to 50m as promised should it be proven to be required. Not unless a substantial amount of money is used.

I also was under the impression that the complex would also incorporate the visitors centre but this is not included in the concepts.

I really don't believe that aquatic/arts are meant to be combined. I can see the arts people looking down their noses at the scantily clad teenagers and old men in budgie smugglers as they enter the theatre for an opera performance.

Having said all that I do not use the current pool and will not use the new complex at all but my rates are at work for the benefit of my kids and the future of the community.

I know that none of this will be taken on board as council have made a decision of what the community will get already. Probably even down to interior design and paint colour. At least I have made my feelings known.

Regards



PS. A bit concerning when the PDF has a glaring spelling error and this wasn't picked up and corrected.

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Sunday, 20 January 2019 5:31 AM

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Aquatic Centre.

I have lived in Batemans Bay for 45years and been coming to this town befofe i lived here. We have always had a 50m swimming pool I do laps every day for the past 40years which i enjoy and also good exercise. The Aquatic Centre is a great idea so we can swim all year around but not having a outdoor is not right swimmers need to swim outdoor in the summer because it gets too hot indoor. We have been trying for a indoor pool for quiet a lot of years but still wanted a outdoor pool even if they put a 25m outdoor pool would be ok. We dont need a another gym we already have 3 gyms also a Theatre is a waste of money. Why is it so

hard for the council to agree with locals to what they want. This seasons has been the busiest season for lap swimmers and also people and kids in the pool. even the tourist are doing laps this year. We are all rate payers and council need to listen to the people they have got to remember the town is getting bigger. There want be any school carnivals any more and they will have to travel to narooma. A lot of money has been spent on narooma pool.which is a smaller town. People are shocked that Batemans Bay is loosing their 50m pool even the tourist. Everytime we want something in this town it takes us years to achieve and still not get want we want.I hope you take in consideration to what people want and the forms people are sending in. thank you

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 21 January 2019 3:11 PM

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Proposed Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre (POOL)

*Submission Regarding Proposed Batemans Bay Aquatic Centre*

*The General Manager and all Councillors Eurobodalla Shire Council.*

*Good Afternoon All*

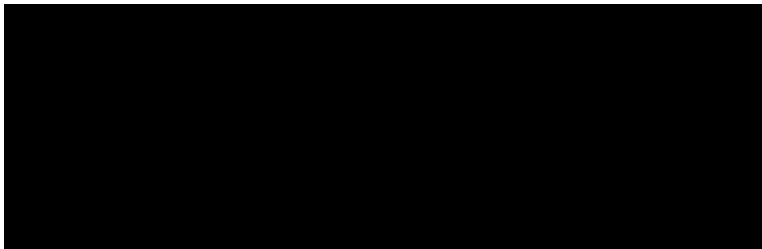
*There's been community requests, advocacy and lobbying for around thirty or so years for council to upgrade the Batemans Bay Swimming Pool and the associated amenities for a variety of reasons. Lobbying for an indoor heated pool was occurring in the early 1990's. During the mid 1990's Council established a Batemans Pool Committee that listened and reported to Council about the matter one the Council Staff involved was David Bates. Chris Vardon was also involved. At the time Council was very open with the pool users about the cost of a new indoor heated pool and it not being a high priority in the scheme of things indicating the ratepayers weren't in a position to fund a grand new pool and all accessory's required to at least make a new pool or ( aquatic centre self funding ). However Council did allocate funds, recourses to allow the present arrangement to operate safely over a long period of time. Even when the Sydney Olympics were being held discussions continued about a new heated indoor pool etc.*

*Discussions about the where a new pool arrangement could be provided also occurred. As did a centralized pool for the Shire, at Broulee. Hanging Rock was eventually identified as the better location for multitude of common sense reasons. Access and Safety being a major reason away from the Princes Highway.*

*The Hanging Rock area was identified to be redeveloped for a complete sporting area a one stop shop if you like. It is easily accessible for all, even pool users with less conflict with motor traffic and even less when the Link Rd is finally completed.*

*The opinions or concept plans for the Mackay Park precinct are not good, neither is access for young pool users on bikes etc. who will want to use the proposed new arrangements ( concepts ). Access, safety needs to be considered as a very high priority.*

*The concept plans for the proposed New Aquatic Centre at MacKay Park as presented are not supported by myself.*



**From:** noreply@esc.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 3:31 PM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Feedback form submission

**RE:**

The following information was submitted:

## **Submission details**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Message:

I am writing to you in regards to the new aquatic centre. Looked at all the plans and am just happy that we will be getting an hydro pool in this area as it is needed so desperately. Cannot wait for it to be finished

**From**

**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 January 2019 7:14 PM

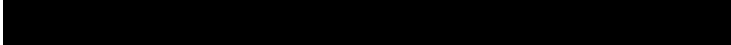
**To:** Council

**Subject:** Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre feedback stall

Hi

I have just looked at the three concept plans for the Batemans Bay Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre and am concerned that there is very little display room in the Art gallery or foyer areas for artwork or photography. I can not see where good size displays are to be showed. Is there another plan for displaying local talent and others art and photography?



From:   
Sent: Monday, 14 January 2019 12:07 PM  
To: Clr Liz Innes; Clr Anthony Mayne; Clr Phil Constable; Clr Patrick McGinlay; Clr Maureen Nathan;  
Clr Rob Pollock; Clr Jack Tait; Clr Lindsay Brown; Clr James Thomson  
Subject: 25 meter pool concerns

Dear Councillors,

After chatting to Mayor Liz Innes on Friday , we agreed to disagree on a 50meter pool.  
She took the time to go over the plans and said to me “What would I be willing to see left out of the plans to accommodate a 50 meter pool.

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I personally see a whole lot of things added which are going to affect our local businesses.

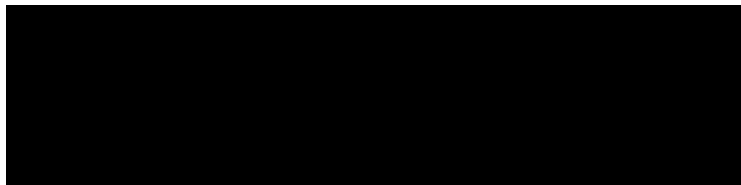
Our local gyms will be affected along with no space for mini golf, our two local privately owned indoor swim schools, Bay theatre players.

The other thing I have a hard time getting my head around is the creche, apart from babies, I cannot imagine any toddler/child wanting to go there as they walk past the super fun looking waterpark.

After reading alot of the on the comments Eurobodalla Shire Council Facebook page and chatting to my friends the community seems to be saying lets have a 50 meter pool.

It's extremely sad, the council is going to spend so much money on this fancy new Aquatic center, yet our talented local swimmers will still need to travel for a indoor 50meter pool.

If we really have to have a 25meter pool. Would the council think about building a 50meter sea pool?



Dear 

We have just returned from a swim carnival this long weekend in Eden. It was the NSW Country Regional meet, also held this year in Armidale and Wagga. The Eden meet was attended by 107 swimmers from 20 NSW swimming clubs, mostly from SE NSW.

Obviously a meet of this standard requires a 50m pool. Our son, aged 7, was the youngest boy



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competing, and our 9yo daughter was also in the youngest age group. They both performed credibly given they swim mostly in the 25m pool in Moruya. They were definitely disadvantaged compared to their fellow racers who have a "home" 50m pool. Interestingly, there were no swimmers present today from Batemans Bay club.

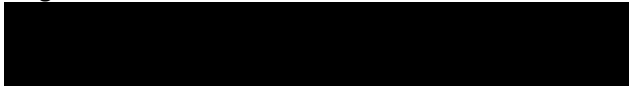
We strongly believe swimming is an important life skill, so we have actively pursued swimming lessons and squad sessions for our children since they were 2 years old. This has required us to take them as far as Narooma or Ulladulla if that was where lessons or swim coaching is available. We now regularly attend swim and nippers carnivals many hours away.

However, we have noted that the local standard of swimming is remarkably poor for a coastal region and "land of many waters."

Despite the young age of my daughter, she is one of the best swimmers in her primary school. She regularly swims against and trains with high school students. It is quite likely she will need to join a Canberra swimming club to maintain her standard or challenge her further as gets older and faster.

We would be very concerned this low local standard would fall even lower without a 50m pool in Batemans Bay. Surely when standards are already low, it would not be a good idea to even further reduce access to swimming?

Regards



**From:** noreply@esc.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 14 February 2019 8:53 AM  
**To:** Council  
**Subject:** Feedback form submission

**RE:**

The following information was submitted:

### Submission details

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Message:

I have several concerns about this proposal. Why on earth have you combined an aquatic leisure centre with an arts centre/theatre? The two are not linked in any way. Secondly, a 25m pool doesn't cut the mustard for swimming laps. Clearly the designers/ESC members are not swimmers, otherwise they would understand this. Really, Council should listen to the issues raised by the local community.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have spoken to hundreds of people regarding the three concept plans. The following ideas are an accumulation of those ideas discussed with me. In general I had more people supporting options A and B rather than C. The issues of the smell, moisture, noise and people movement have been well considered by separating the arts from the aquatic.

- 1) The BBIACC have been suggesting an indoor aquatic centre for many, many years. One of the key elements is that it be indoors so that it can be used all year round. The idea of having the learn to swim pool and leisure pool outside is not acceptable at all. We have a distinctly large number of children who can't swim. By having an indoor centre the opening hours are lengthened and the lessons can be continuous all year round. Having the pool open part

year means that skills learnt by young children are forgotten and they regress, often becoming frightened of the water.

- 2) The water slide itself can be outdoors. In fact having colourful slides on the outside of the building can attract patrons. The pool of water at the bottom of the does not need to be particularly large but must be inside.
- 3) The water splash park I believe will be a big drawcard to the centre. This will be an activity that could be available all year no matter what the weather. Batemans Bay is a beautiful region but when the weather isn't perfect there is a distinct lack of activities for children. The splash park is also an ideal form of entertainment for children with disabilities associated with normal mobility. Water wheel chairs could be used in this area so it makes it inclusive.
- 4) Both the slides and splash park are major attractions for the aquatic centre therefore bringing in more income. I understand that by enclosing all water bodies the cost of the centre is considerably increased but I think a reassessment on priorities needs to be looked into.
- 5) However, in saying the water bodies must be inside there still needs to an outdoor area. This area needs to be large enough to accommodate school carnivals. This grassed area is also needed for marshalling at carnivals. There doesn't really need to be any structures in this area except maybe shade cloth covering. (This could be donated by a local service club. The cover over the children's pool at the Batemans Bay pool was donated by Batemans Bay lions Club). Seating can be plastic chairs that can be stacked away when not in use.
- 6) This outdoor area could accommodate the BBQ (once again could be donated by a local business), that is vitally important for Swim Club fundraising. It could also be enjoyed by the swimming patrons.
- 7) The positioning of the pools could be better by bringing the lap pool to the back of the complex, with the deep end at the far end (safety issue and more practical for carnivals) Move the leisure pool towards the entrance and put the warm water pool near the entrance also. Swimmers using the lap pool are usually able bodies therefore can walk to the back of the building. People who are coming in to use the warm water pool and maybe use the services of the wellness rooms (these can be located beside) shouldn't be walking to the far end of the building due to safety issues. These pool users may be unsteady on their feet due to health issues, while rehabilitating or recovering from surgery or illness.
- 8) Locating the lap pool at the back of the centre would allow a club room to positioned near the pool. The room can also be used for birthday parties and meetings. This rooms needs to have plenty of storage for equipment for the swim club. It can also be used for storage or chairs for marshalling. The club room needs a kitchen. This could be transferred from the present club room as it is quite new and was paid by the Swim Clun members.
- 9) If the leisure pool and LTS pool are located towards the entrance then they would be closer to the splash park. There is a high likelihood of children moving between these two pools so to have them close to each other is practical.
- 10) The café must be in a position so that there is viewing of the children whilst swimming. The lifeguards cannot take full responsibility for watching children. I suggest the café is slightly brought down the side of the building as opposed to being at the entrance. The café needs to have a serving window with access from the inside of the aquatic centre. You do not need for people to go inside the café from the aquatic centre. This will help control people entering without paying. Inside the aquatic centre, plastic tables and chairs are needed possibly on a slightly raised platform with a railing around it to separate this area whilst still offering good visibility.
- 11) The position of the café being at the side of the aquatic building but still towards the front of the building would be a better location for access by people using the arts building. Entry is from the outside and seating is inside as well as outside with a shaded/weatherproof

- covering. The café needs to be large enough to cater for swimmers, arts participants and the general public. Not necessarily part of the building design but there has been strong interest in the café offering good coffee, healthy foods options along with traditional lollies, chip etc
- 12) The warm water pool needs a screen around it for privacy as many of the people using this pool will be elderly or people with disabilities. There is a strong concern about children using this pool for leisure. Maybe a gate across the entrance could help. Must take into consideration visibility for life guards when choosing and positioning screens. (Possible Movable Screens)
  - 13) Are there plenty of change rooms and toilets? There has been much concern about the size and design of change rooms. Requests have been made for more private cubicles to change with hooks and shelves to keep clothes off the wet floor. Same applies to the showers.
  - 14) The disability/family change rooms need to be of sufficient size for a parent and multiple children or a person in a wheelchair with a carer.
  - 15) Is the grandstand going to be large enough to seat everyone at carnivals? What other seating is in the design? Could there be seats that double as storage boxes Maybe the grandstand could be raised so that underneath or access from behind could be used for storage.
  - 16) Is the lifeguard room in the most practical position for visibility and access to emergency equipment, first aid and communication equipment?
  - 17) The depth of each pool needs to be considered so that maximum use can be made of each pool. The lap pool needs a suitable maximum depth for diving at carnivals. It needs to be deep enough for water polo (playing across the deeper end). The leisure pool I believe will have a beach entry but needs to be deep enough so that adults can take their children in without the adult only going up to their knees (maybe 1 – 1.3m in the deeper parts)
  - 18) The leisure pool does not need elaborate water splash equipment if the splash park is active all year and indoors. Splash equipment could also be too distracting so close to the LTS pool. The current pool and toddler pool with maybe a mushroom would be adequate.
  - 19) The gym is quite a contentious issue. I understand the economics of having it but there is a lot of objection. Most objection is because there are other gyms in town and they are concerned about how it will affect other businesses. An established gym moving in is a more popular option. Most people prefer the gym upstairs but there is some concern about the noise particularly thumping dumbbells and loud music. Locating the gym upstairs is more popular. Maybe part of the gym area could be allocated for lease for other physical activities like yoga, pilates, pole dancing.
  - 20) In regards to the arts centre the art gallery is not large enough. There is an art show on a few times a year that is held in a school hall which gives an idea of the space needed.
  - 21) There has been comment about the size of the arts foyer. Is it large enough to fit 350 people during intermission. During the warmer months an overflow can go outside or upstairs but during winter everyone will stay inside.
  - 22) Are there enough toilets and are there more ladies toilets? Need enough for a full performance in the theatre with maybe a meeting and a dance rehearsal on at the same time. How many disabled toilets are there? Is there need for toilets in the back stage area like in the change rooms? (nervous performers pee!)
  - 23) Concept b has a better direction of the foyer. Most people will enter from the car park but with a pedestrian crossing on the highway there will be people entering from highway side. Two entrances gives more room for flow of people outside after performances.
  - 24) A covered walkway from the car park and linking the aquatic and arts centre would be beneficial particularly in wet weather. This would help unite the two buildings. Not many people will use both buildings in the one visit however, the café will be used by both arts and aquatic visitors.
  - 25) The loading docks for both buildings need to be conspicuous and practical for large vehicles.

- 26) Retractable seating in the theatre would allow more flexibility. Without seats it could be used for dancing, dinners, larger art exhibitions etc

I hope these ideas will help.



**Submission re the three concept plans provided by NBRS for the proposed Mackay Park centre - a *PrefEx.Inc***

17/01/2019

## Introduction

Over the last few weeks the Council has held information kiosks in the Stocklands Shopping Centre, Batemans Bay, and Moruya, plus several focus groups for reps from groups specifically interested or involved with the proposed Mackay Park Arts/Aquatic Centre and its aspirations.

██████████ PerfEx. Inc., a long-time major lobby group for a Performance and Arts Centre in the Bay, I attended three focus groups (two for the Arts and one for Community Centre users) and several hours on random days at the kiosks in town since the three options (Concept Plans) were released, plus attended earlier focus groups when the Architects, NBRS, were first engaged. As well, I have had meetings with arts groups and reps, attended meetings with both the 50m pool people and the Indoor Pool Group, and had discussions with head of the U3A and Chamber of Commerce. I have had various informal discussions with various community members and Councillors and, of course with input from the PerfEx committee and members.

Overall, when the plans were released, there was excitement that there was something to see and 'get our teeth into', followed by a general disappointment: no orientation, no scale and no measurements, and the plans so pale it was impossible to read all the room/space notes and names except in the large ones on the display stands at the Kiosk/focus groups. Yes, we could roughly guess as the 25m pool was a constant, but that was not that helpful in many cases.

However, we want to commend Council on this process – it is the most comprehensive we have seen to date on engaging the wider community on a (any) topic. We are aware that, as well, Council has also held other meetings with related interested parties, including First Nations representatives, businesses and visitors, as well as politicians.

We look forward to 'plan D' as there were many, many comments made by the general public, and in the focus groups, on changes they would like to see in the plans. Most of these were related to **practical usage of the proposed facility**, and the **nexus between a commercial proposition and a community facility**. I do not envy the architects their task, **so it is important the community is listened to and our needs and wishes reflected strongly** in the plans.

## ARTS perspective: General

This submission refers speak mainly to the Arts facility as I am sure [REDACTED] and others have their own observations re the pool centre.

The most raised issue was **why a gym has been included** when there are so many in town already. It was stated many times by the council reps that discussions with other Councils had reinforced the need for a gym as part of the viability of the enterprise, especially as Council will have the ability to offer a combined gym/pool membership, something the other businesses cannot.

### A Fundamental Question

**This revealed a strong commitment to making money from the facility** and its parts, or at least breaking even. This will be welcome news to ratepayers, but **raises a fundamental question on** whether this is primarily a community or commercial venture, and this is not clear. From Council responses, particularly re the Arts facility, it appears as being thought of as a primarily commercial venture geared towards visiting artists and their usage.

This is evident in the minimal Gallery, meeting and café spaces on offer.

More and more it appears to be an **Entertainment Centre rather than a Community Arts Centre** and, as such, questions were raised as to how the 'nuts and bolts' of community life are to be catered for.

### Community Centre is to be demolished

**The Mackay Park venture is not a stand-alone project**, which many are unaware of. It was stated in one focus group that the Community Centre is to be demolished, but no further plans were revealed. The tourism centre is also to go, with Internet Kiosk stands being the main replacement.

**Losing the Community Centre is of great concern to us as the new proposed facility does not replicate or improve on the Community Centre**, with its dividable hall, large and small meeting rooms, a rentable office and a commercial scale kitchen (relied on heavily by Meals on Wheels who will not be accommodated in the new centre) and flat surrounds. U3A has some 40 bookings a week there (including weekend talks); there is a youth café; dance classes; a food and crafts market; social outreach events and more. It is easily accessible (no major highway to cross), has plentiful parking; and a carpark between it and the Museum that can easily be sectioned off for outdoor markets, festivals and events. The Water Gardens flow on from it also. There is green space that could be made into community gardens.

Rather than lose this facility, built by community funds, we would like to see the Community Centre remain and made into a **locals community precinct**.

*"Does community sentiment count for nothing councillors? It's not just the swimming community that is unhappy with the current plans - there are many, many others. What will happen with the youth café in the community centre for the Koori children? They will not be walking across the highway to a much smaller venue. Please rethink."*

*.....Aunty Ruth 3 days ago The Beagle*

*Aunty Ruth, I quite agree. It is essential we have a locals' community Centre on the CBD side of the town, within walking distance from it; a locals' precinct to complement the one in Mackay Park, not compete with it or be swallowed by it. One we can wander into....(SM)*

Is it justifiable to replace the Comm and tourism centres with **less** facilities for locals?

More and more we see council prioritising visitor experience over local community.

Ironically, if there are plans to sell it, will people remember that when the bats arrive in numbers, the whole area is almost uninhabitable for noise, smell and health/sanitary issues?

Will the locals use the new facility often enough for it to be 'seen' as a local amenity? No doubt the pool complex will, with its variety of facilities to meet the needs of all ages, and the tendency for users to be there for long periods to make it worthwhile to go there, but we are not so sure on the Arts area in its present form and layouts, and with poor visual and mental accessibility from the CBD.

- Moruya is getting an Art gallery, café, open space
- The Botanic Gardens are getting new facilities including Art gallery, new cafe and open space and has room for workshops

What will be better/different about this facility? How do we complement the three rather than compete?

### Three Concept Plans

This submission does not address each plan separately as there would be much repetition and may miss the focus of giving input to 'Plan D'.

While each of the three plans is slightly different, there were many general (and mostly practical) issues raised. The separation of the buildings was very popular and the use of the space between the two, as a usable creative space, was raised often.

In all discussions with Council we were asked to focus on general issues rather than the nitty gritty, such as internal layout, and no visible scaling or dimensions made some discussion difficult.

Overall, issues raised were:

- Gym – a concern. No competition for local businesses. Three more businesses are going this week. One is Target!



- If there is to be a gym, can it be upstairs (people will go upstairs for a gym, but not so easily for a gallery, and with our demographic nearing 40% for over 60s, this needs to be considered)? Can the ground floor area then be used for Art/photography/local exhibitions and community events, with a large, usable kitchen beside it?
- An interesting concept to split the buildings and have the wet and dry workshops across from the Arts facility. Could enable extension into outside space. Can this area be flexibly enclosed, i.e. boulevard/plaza to be covered (does not need to be walled in) to make more usable. Can such an idea make better use of light- less shade and not a wind-tunnel. Nice negative- space shape.
- Include ability to extend workshop and other areas to outside green or paved space (shade/shelter)
- Orientation be adjusted to make more use of the northerly, green field and sky aspects. Northern sun aspect an essential component for cafe, walkway/esplanade, pools. Be very careful of overshadowing in winter.
- Could more be made of the open green, sky and tree vistas? These are seen as invaluable as they cannot be built out and are sharp contrast to the relentless busyness of the highway
- Rework the 'aspect' of the arts centre - front, back, highway frontage, etc. How can it present well to both the town/highway/bridge and the carpark?
- Reorientate
- Loading dock and access for theatre, bands, artists, exhibitions. Question: say a large orchestral tour came to town. Does the arts centre have the practical design for loading, storage and removal?
- More accessible parking and drop off needed –loading and people
- Café facilities for the Arts community (Art/Music/Theatre etc). Do we want a snack pool café or a gathering and lingering café? Surely a north/west-facing café with good light meals would attract a lot more users than just pool users? Maybe we need two cafes? Café space on northwest side with good natural light and views outside. Easy to get to. A 'lingering space' is needed.
- More meeting rooms and storage (or keep the community Centre and reduce meeting rooms)
- Less 'maze trip' to loos and more female loos. The relative number of male/female toilets seems inadequate
- No long corridor queues for WCs at interval please
- The wisdom of placing toilets in a foyer next to a bar considering the press and ambiance of interval at an Arts/Theatre event is questioned
- The scale of the foyers - appearing too small for the number of patrons in the theatre
- Less- hard-line shape – not attractive and does not link visually to pool complex shape
- Keep utility areas away from 'approach'
- Create good flow between activities in the buildings
- \*\*\*Art exhibition areas being so small. Is this tokenism? Do we want a gallery tucked away? Larger gallery/flexible use space needed

- Bus parking areas
- Making access for setting up exhibitions easier
- The number of parking spaces to meet the demands of a concurrent theatre and pool event (not viable to close one when the other is open, as has been suggested)
- The placement of roof terraces on the south side of the buildings when, if placed on the north side (being above mozzie level) commercial and community events such as open air cinema, cocktail parties, pop-up restaurants, local food tastings and promotions could be accommodated there
- Where are the outdoor, covered areas for theatre, arts and dance?
- The size of theatre, from 500 to 350. Again, council reps said this decision was made after discussion with other councils re viability. Could be okay. Let's try it. Better than what we have.
- Is there sufficient room for storage, movement of theatre and music equipment, people and costumes?
- What are the expansion options?
- Can the entrances be more inviting and accessible?
- Add outdoor performance areas – particularly for lunch-time and afternoon times (NW sides)
- Include creative technology areas – film, video
- Include good sound systems to encourage musicians to use the facility
- Is there provision for youth enterprises such as techno-centres or facilities? (now mentioned in the media but not in the focus groups)\*
- Can utility areas be more on the southern/highway sides as little traffic – foot or vehicle – will come from there?
- How is ease of access from across the highway and CBD to be encouraged/developed?
- Could delivery/cartage vehicle access to loading points be made more accessible and away from the approach, to the Arts building particularly?
- Safety and lighting and outdoor weather protection – e.g. covered walkways
- Is there safe piano storage to ensure use by Music Society?
- Are there noise abatement provisions in the plan to avoid the history of music events being shut down because of complaints from the two aged residential facilities with 100yards of the centre? How will outdoor event noise be managed (Music, theatre etc)? "The bowling club venue was basically closed by complaints from the retirement home down on the river, the pub the same from retirement apartments at Stocklands. I can see the council selling the bowling site in a few years for apartments or a commercial and apartment complex, if that's the case the performing arts centre will come up against noise abatement complaints. It must be designed to contain performance noise."
- Where are the extension options for the theatre complex (if not the theatre itself)?
- What sustainability features are included?
- Give no less than taken away, i.e. more meeting rooms, better catering
- Will the facility be used for polling in elections (local, State and Federal)?

- What's the "WOW" factor of the 'iconic' character?

\*\*\**"The visual arts require an Art gallery area of similar size to the Batemans Bay High School Main Hall, a venue that has been hired over many years for exhibitions by Creative Arts Batemans Bay Inc. It is not possible to run such exhibitions in the unreasonably small Art gallery room shown on the plan."*

**Plan A** seems to have the most interesting ideas, with a central promenade/plaza between the two buildings that could be used for all sorts of things.

**It has a large gym on the ground floor.** It was suggested this be moved to the second floor, and the downstairs space to be made into exhibition space, with kitchen and function room attached. Also that it be moved closer to the highway side to prevent block shading of the outdoor pool area and to expand the plaza area.

**The café to be moved** to a position between the two facilities, with multiple service points so that there can be a casual service side and a café service side opening to a pleasant, tree populated area.

\*'In addition, plans for the centre feature an auditorium, wet and dry workspaces, soundproof dance and rehearsal studios, a recording studio and meeting rooms.'  
<https://www.beagleweekly.com.au/single-post/2019/02/15/Federal-Labor-Will-Invest-25m-In-A-New-Leisure-Centre-For-Batemans-Bay>

### The Pool

A few general things re the pool:

- Parents like to be able to see their offspring while they are in a pool, or even a crèche, and even both when they have more than one child. The present plans need adjustment to enable this
- Is there adequate room for marshalling schools for carnivals, or for seating a whole school?
- The capacity to raise (or slide) the pool walls to enable an indoor/outdoor experience seems to be essential but that level of detail was not shown
- To maximise the sun year-round, the majority of pools need to be clear of solid shade caused by adjacent buildings
- The positioning of the entrance to the pool effectively cuts it off from people interested in both Arts and the pool, whereas a closer relationship could well inform users of activities in both areas
- Are there 'enough' lockers in the pools amenities?
- Can there be more 'free-activity' space? (school groups and picnics)
- Bus parking and pantechinon turning spaces need clarification
- With no elevations it is hard to foresee the effects of shadow lines (Are the terraces shaded in winter? Do the corridors proposed on the separate concepts get any sun?)

Where is the predominant wind direction? Are we creating wind tunnels or shade corridors?)

Revision of design principles requested: attached

With elections due, this project and areas has now become a political football\*\*:

*'The next New South Wales state election is scheduled to be held on Saturday 23 March 2019 to elect the 57th Parliament of New South Wales, including all 93 seats in the New South Wales Legislative Assembly and 21 of the 42 seats in the New South Wales Legislative Council.'* (Wikipedia)

We encourage council to prioritise Community and Cultural needs in their discussions with politicians, complementing sustainable business and infrastructure foundations for the Shire.

**\*\*TAFE Batemans Bay: an absolute game-changer** <https://www.beagleweekly.com.au/single-post/2019/02/13/TAFE-Batemans-Bay-an-absolute-game-changer> February 13, 2019 People from the Bay will be able to access the training they need to get a job and get ahead with the NSW Government today announcing that a brand new TAFE will be built in Batemans Bay. Member for Bega Andrew Constance was today joined by Minister responsible for TAFE NSW Adam Marshall for the announcement. "Today's announcement is an absolute game-changer for Batemans Bay," Mr Constance said.

As well as practicality and meeting our perceived needs, use of the facility by locals is also contingent on financial accessibility, for which no information has been made available other than a proposition that locals would get a season pool pass at a lesser rate than visitors to the town.

We look forward to seeing plan 'D' and whether the time, money and goodwill expressed in the consultation process, results in a design closer to our community expectations. If it does, we could have a wonderful asset to be proud of, and to draw people to the Bay, but let's not forget to provide for the locals first. Let's keep the existing Community Centre to complement the Creative Arts space catering for the wider community, especially for those that are neither Arts nor Pool orientated, such as local meetings, youth clubs, Meals on Wheels, in other words, the **practical social cohesion** aspects of community life.

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## Appendices

### 1. Design principles for Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre

#### A. For how the centre sits in the Mackay Park Precinct:

The site of the proposed facility is a key landmark site in Batemans Bay, connecting the wetlands and sportsground to the west to the town centre to the east. The site will also play an important role as the **gateway** into an important new recreation, community and tourism precinct for the town. It is, and will increasingly be, a key destination in Batemans Bay and the region for residents and visitors and a significant community asset. The design of the new Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre

should recognise and respond to the site's location and surrounds, and its important role and function, through:

A1 Sensitive integration of development with the adjoining wetlands.

A2 Physical and visual connections to the Batemans Bay Town Centre, including vistas to enhance the visual connection between the waterfront/wetlands and the central business area.

A3 Strong physical and visual relationships with existing and future uses on surrounding and adjoining lands, including the Mackay Park ovals and any future use of the former Bowling Club site.

A4 High quality visual presentation to public spaces, including the Princes Highway (and from the new elevated bridge over the Clyde River that is currently being designed), that demonstrates to passing travellers and local residents that artistic and cultural activities, as well as health and sporting activities, rank highly in the priorities of the local community.

A5 Excellence in architecture that enhances the streetscape and complements the existing waterfront character of the town.

A6 Design that reflects in an appropriate manner elements of Batemans Bay's history (natural and cultural) and its present coastal character, while also looking to its future, through building form and materials, landscaping and public art.

A7 Landscaping that adds to the unique setting and contributes positively to the development of a landmark building on a landmark site.

A8 Activation of public spaces, including streets and public open space, creating meeting places and other opportunities for social interactions.

A9 High levels of pedestrian amenity both day and night in relation to daylight, and lighting, water views, wind, sunlight, safety and visual interest.

A10 High levels of accessibility for people of all ages and abilities (universal design).

A11 Ensuring the development contributes to a night time economy by enhancing the streetscape at night through illumination that supports safety and accessibility.

A12 All buildings, car parks, walkways, cycleways and their immediate environs shall be designed to incorporate Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) concepts and strategies.

A13 The location and design of car parks, loading bays and services areas do not dominate the public domain.

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### **B. For the design of the centre:**

The Regional Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre will be a high quality facility that is **attractive and welcoming, while being affordable and fit for purpose**. The design needs to work for the key components/services within the centre (arts, aquatic, leisure, visitor information, community) and also operate and flow successfully as a whole. The design of the centre will achieve this through:

B1 Innovation in the design of the centre to ensure that both the arts and the aquatic components are prominent and identifiable, and that neither appear as an "add-on" to the other.

B2 Integration and combination of the two main uses (aquatics and arts) in a manner that accommodates the needs of all potential users of the facility (including community users and visitors seeking tourist information) and provides for the sharing of 'front of house' and 'back of house' uses.

B3 Maximising flexibility in the design of the internal spaces – including potentially through the provision of moveable walls and the allocation of meeting and storage spaces, to make programming of the centre easy and maximise use to meet the needs of users of both aquatic and arts components.

B4 Internal design that reflects in an appropriate manner elements of Batemans Bay's (and the wider region's) history (both natural and cultural) and its present coastal character, while also looking to its future, through internal building form, materials, colours and through opportunities for public art.

B5 Internal design that reflects the primary uses of the different spaces within the centre, as follows:

- The aquatic centre components should reflect health, fitness, fun and adventure;
- The arts centre components should reflect creativity, learning, new and engaging experiences, cultural expression, imagination and exploration;

- **The foyer areas, including the gateway visitor centre, should reflect a sense of welcome and discovery in relation to Eurobodalla, Batemans Bay, and the facilities in the Mackay Park precinct, with common design elements throughout that identify each component is part of one combined centre and where appropriate indicates the connections and relationships between the different spaces in the centre.**

B6 Foyer size and width to be chosen to allow for **high-level use periods, circulation, and multiple uses. Foyer design to be flexible to facilitate the gathering of arts patrons before and after events in a relaxed and comfortable setting suitable for a performing arts venue.**

Consideration to be given to shared and/or separate entrances to the major components of the centre.

B7 Building legibility – ready identification of entry/ access points, CPTED, effective way finding.

B8 High levels of accessibility for people of all ages and abilities (universal design).

B9 Minimising any sense of isolation and locating facilities such as toilets in areas of high circulation and natural surveillance.

B10 Ensuring the size and scale of the centre and the components within are appropriate having regard to the needs of the community, the available project budget and the long term financial sustainability of the centre.

B11 Facilitating the appropriate staging of construction of the facility, if required, and maximizing potential opportunities for expansion of the centre in the future (potentially through an expanded footprint and/or additional stories).

**B12 Allowing transition from within the centre to the outdoors** (including potentially to external gardens, decks, outdoor eating areas, outdoor performance spaces and the existing sports fields) to support activities requiring indoor/outdoor space.

B13 Incorporating appropriate (and emerging) technologies, including communications, acoustics and lighting, suitable for the intended use of the various components of the centre.

B14 The use of innovative, best practice, urban design and building techniques, plant and materials that incorporate environmentally sustainable design principles.

B15 Managing acoustics & odour issues between the two main uses of the centre, aquatics and arts, and between the centre and surrounding uses, considering user's needs in relation to comfort and working environments.

**B16 Orientation and positioning of building and location of windows to facilitate appropriate solar control, maximise natural lighting to the interior where appropriate and take advantage of views from the building.**

Hi, [REDACTED] thanks for your time recently, I'm sure you have had opinions from every man and his dog who claim to be experts in this field. Harry Siedler once stated perhaps the public should defer to those trained in design for design as we do to lawyers in the law and doctors in medicine, so I'd like to throw my tuppence in as a local building designer, landscape architect and town planner.

Firstly I think that option A the one, and for me some small tweaks would make it great. I've attached an image with my notes, it's pretty much what I stated at the meeting.

1 move the entry of the pool to have more connection with the arts space. This would potentially increase the financial viability of both- as there would be a greater physical and visual connection between all the revenue streams.

2 Put the gallery where the dance space is and move the dance space to where the meeting room is. This would allow for the arts building to be more visually open to the plaza and again could increase its commerciality.

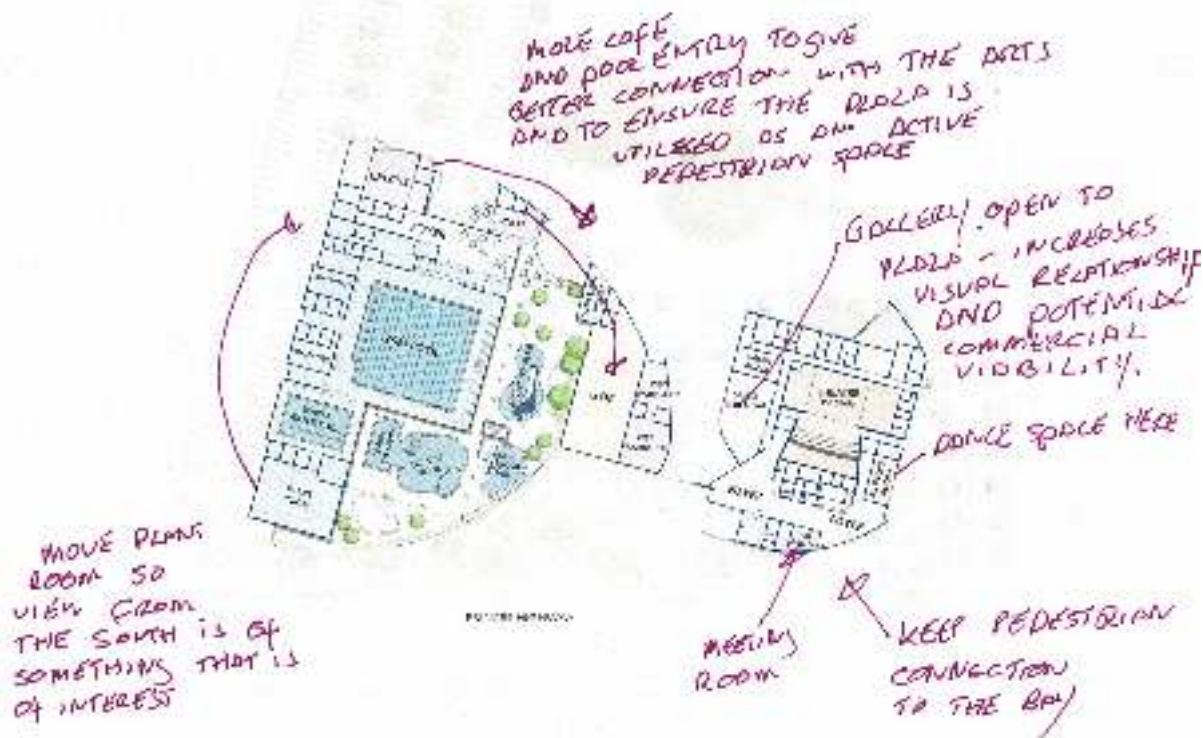
3 Move the plant room on the pool so that there is a better readability of the building when coming from the south.

4 Ensure the roof terraces have good norther sun and relate to the water views. If you can get great water views to the north this would increase the financial viability of this space- as an events space etc.

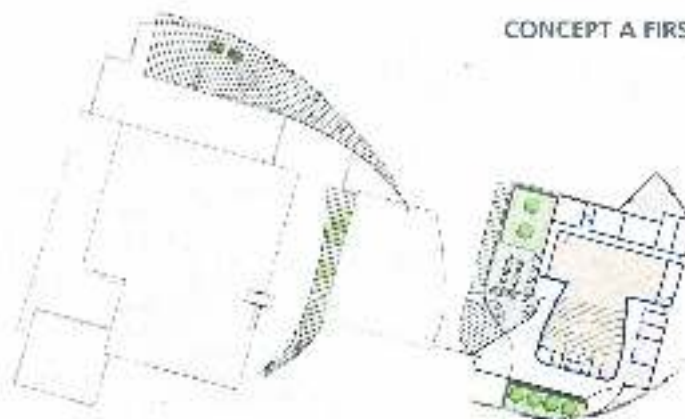
5 I've been living in Australia for 6 years now and the key thing I have noticed is how in tune the average person is with the angle of the sun, the direction of the wind and other seasonal changes. I would say that this more than anything is what may make your design great or not- how it responds to the climate, the southerlies, the Western sun in summer, etc. If someone can sit in the café all year round sheltered from the sun and the wind- they will be comfortable and will love the design. Make it a wind tunnel and they will forsake it!

CONCEPT A GROUND FLOOR

ROOF TERRACE FACE NORTH  
FOR SUN + VIEW OF RIVER.



CONCEPT A FIRST FLOOR





**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Tuesday, 19 February 2019 5:43 PM

**To:** Council

**Subject:** Feedback regarding Batemans Bay Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Please accept my feedback (so be it two days late from the cut-off of 17th February, 2019) regarding the design of the new indoor pool at Batemans Bay.

1. Infant and pre-school aquatics must be run indoor with a pool temperature of 32 degrees and the ambient air temp must be similar (25 degrees). You cannot achieve this with an outdoor pool. Outdoor learn to swim for infant and pre-school aquatics will not meet AUSTSWIM and Royal Life Saving Australia safe pool operations guidelines.
2. Infant and pre-school aquatics as well as school aged learn to swim will be the **majority of your income** from an aquatics business. It is financially irresponsible to build a learn to swim pool outside when it can only be utilised in the warmer months of the year.
3. Your learn to swim pool must be of a reasonable size, appropriate depth for an instructor to walk waist to chest height alongside the student. The learn to swim pool should have ledges of a suitable depth and width to support toddlers swim/travel in a horizontal plane. A suggestion is a learn to swim pool of the following dimensions:  
17 to 20m in length, 7m or more in width. 1.2m deep for the entire length of the pool.  
A teaching shelf / ledge for infant and toddlers: 1m width for the entire length of the (17-20m). The teaching shelf / ledge to be of a constant depth of minimum 25cm to maximum of 50cm (personally I think 50cm is perfect for toddlers).
4. Absolutely essential for the health and safety of swim instructors you must have a UV light to burn off any chloramines (which is a by-product of chlorine binding with bacteria). This will mean swim instructors who spend hours and hours in the water will not have respiratory or skin problems as a result of poor management of chloramines.
5. Acoustic material on the interior of the building will diffuse the noise that is created in the indoor pool. I can suggestion the AIS pool in Canberra has managed this extremely well. Indoor pools are noisy places. Some students with sensory issues find these venues unacceptable.
6. Your hydrotherapy pool needs to have some level if privacy as the older generation do not feel comfortable parading around in public spaces in their swimwear. Perhaps partition this area of the venue with frosted glass or planting boxes. Have the toilets within close proximity for the hydrotherapy patron of your business.

Again, I offer any of my industry experience pro-bono to Eurobodalla council and invite you to view my venue and business practices.

[REDACTED]

## BATEMANS BAY REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE - SURVEY REPORT

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 28 January 2019 1:51 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Aquatic, Arts and Leisure Centre

Dear [REDACTED]

As a rate payer of Eurobodalla I wish to express my absolute disapproval of the Council's plan to build an Aquatic Centre, particularly because it does not include a 50 metre pool.

The current pool could be rennovated at a much lower cost than the Aquatic Centre and adequately meet the needs of the community.

Swimmers NEED a 50 metre lap pool in which to properly train. A 25 metre pool will not meet the training needs of children aspiring to become competitive swimmers. Everyone knows this.

I implore you to LISTEN TO THE COMMUNITY.

The community needs and wants a 50 metre pool.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]

## BATEMANS BAY REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE - SURVEY REPORT

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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Monday, 21 January 2019 10:14 PM

**Subject:** [REDACTED] Feedback on aquatic centre

To ESC,

Today (21/1/19) The Batemans Bay Swimming Club held a committee meeting to discuss the new aquatic centre designs. I am reporting back comments made at the meeting in regards to the designs. These comments were made from a number of committee members that attended the meeting.

I am also attending 2 other meetings to listen to the communities feedback and thoughts on the designs.

Comments and issues raised at today's meeting ;

- \* Still don't understand why we can't have a 50m pool.
- \* Council have said in meetings held with the swimming club, there will be the option of expanding to a 50m pool later if needed. How does this design cater for this promise?
- \* The learn to swim pool needs to be included in the indoor complex isn't it the pool that needs to be heated for the younger children to swim in and so we can use it 12 months a year. This would be the biggest clientele for the pool. (THIS DELETED CONCEPT C FROM ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION)
- \* Parents thought that the Cafe was too far away from pool area... parents watching children swim. Can it be closer?
- \* CONCEPT A WAS DELETED AS A FAVOURABLE DESIGN - is the learn to swim pool outside or included in the enclosed area?

The group then focused on Concept B as the preferred plan with these comments;

- \* Learn to swim pool needs to be separated from the leisure pool. You only need to speak to a swimming instructor to understand why
- \* At this stage on any of the plans we can't see a clubroom or function room that could be used by the club with access to pool deck. This is something that we have addressed in all meetings as a must for us. To run as a club, to run carnivals. A great birthday hire space to for the facility. We noted there is an admin area with no access to pool deck... but is this going to be used by the pool staff/ ESC staff/ community groups. .
- \* Also no kitchenette facilities as a club we recently spent \$10000 on renovations to the current club room to put in a kitchen. We have mentioned this in meetings. This makes the hiring of this space more attractive to other users. Can we still have a fridge?
- \* Storage where are we storing: 3 marquees, barrier equipment, starter equipment, claims board, office essentials - computers/printers, stop watches, etc.. currently all stored in locked cupboards in the club room. Chairs, tables, BBQ, Fridge....also to be stored
- \* Where is the BBQ area... is this still going to be a possibility. This is how we as a club raise our funds to be self supporting. By providing a BBQ dinner each Wednesday night.
- \* Concerns raised over the limited space for seating during carnivals and general club nights. How many does the seating actually cater for?

## BATEMANS BAY REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS AND LEISURE CENTRE - SURVEY REPORT

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\* Is there access to an area that can be used for marshaling.

\* Starting blocks were discussed in length (please do some research on these - the ones at Narooma are twisting and the ones at Ulladulla lift - making it dangerous to use them).

At the end, we accept that the fight for a 50m pool is over, but still feel that the club (one of the biggest pool users for the new complex) has been neglected in the planning. To function as a club we need a club room that will allow us to provide a service to hopefully a growing number of young swimmers in our community. This is our goal with the new complex - to provide a summer and winter competition and getting our swimmers back in the pool for around the year training. We would like to be able to display trophies etc as do the local football clubs.

Committee members will attend a session to view the designs. Unfortunately today's date clashed with our meeting and other commitments. We will also provide any further comments after attending the next 2 meetings of joint community groups.

Kind regards

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of the sender.

## **MACKAY PARK PRECINCT CONCEPT PLAN: EUROBODALLA REGIONAL AQUATIC, ARTS & LEISURE CENTRE**

### **General comments**

I find that no one concept offers the most appropriate and workable design so I make the following points:

Serious consideration needs to be given to particulate fallout and pollution from increasing traffic on the Princes Highway.

Arrange car parking along the Highway side of the facility to help reduce the impact. Theatre foyer entrances should be closer to main access path/car park.

Place outdoor recreation of the Learn To Swim and Water Play pools and the Slide Pools plus the cafe seating areas furthest away from the Highway and car parking. Surround the area lots of pollution-absorbing trees planted around to create a healthier environment and pleasant outlook.

Swap Pool Plant with Learn to Swim pool on Concept C

A separate Arts & Culture Centre from the Aquatic Centre is more appropriate as each tends to attract different clientele, security can be effectively managed and to reduce the possibility of congestion.

Concept C Theatre Facilities is preferred as a more suitable layout as it provides better access for large items for theatre properties and scenery delivery. Access and turning space for such deliveries needs more thought.

Where are the toilets on the ground floor for theatre patrons? (C)

Some rejigging of Theatre foyer design may be required If the car parking were changed to Princes Highway side.

Rotate Swimming Pool lanes on C 180 deg so the lanes could be extended in the future if required, with less expense.

Future inundation - I wonder whether future inundation from rising water levels has been taken into consideration

#### Cafe ambience

Ambience. On A, B, C Remove solid walls, replace with glazing so patrons can view activities around the pool area from where they are sitting

I look forward to a practical and pleasant Regional Aquatic, Arts & Leisure Centre constructed for the benefit of our locality

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From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Sunday, 17 February 2019 10:15 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Some very NB considerations for the BB pool.

Hi [REDACTED]

Looking at council plans for pool.

From my experience, I am sharing this information with you and Lindsay and others, as I feel it is very important.

1. Feedback from Wagga pool was that the warmer, therapy pool needs to be really close ie as close as possible to the disabled parking... (entrance) or have a special entrance- close to the disabled parking... people on crutches and in pain found it very tedious and exhausting making their way through the crowds on slippery floors to attend therapy.

From the entrance to the therapy pool.

I know this kind of accessibility is close to your heart.

2. Wagga also was able to retain their 50 m pool outside the heated ...complex . I assumed that this was what was planned when you bought the adjacent land. It was only open from beginning of October holidays to end April holidays.. it was really great ( waterpolo and teams were able to practice unimpeded) and took the pressure off the indoor pools in the busy season. I think this could be a workable compromise .. that would help the community feel listened to. Without the exorbitant cost.

3. I don't think the gym is necessary. As others have pointed out, it causes a great conflict in the community re the other gyms close by.

4. I think it is wise, not to have the wet areas and non-wet areas linked as you will have a lot more difficulty with damp and mould.

Perhaps separate buildings linked with a large undercover area/ walkway.

I hope point 1 can be implemented.

I hope the other points are helpful.

Kindest Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

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Sent: Thursday, 7 February 2019 6:28 PM

To: clrliz.innes@esc.nsw.com.au; Council; [REDACTED]

Subject: Pool

To whom it may concerned.

I am writing to you about my thoughts regarding the latest three design concepts for the Batemans Bay Aquatic centre. I would like to point out on the offset that I have not been involved in a direct manner with the consultation groups and workshops that have been held regarding the plans or the layout of the site.

What I can advise that whilst I have been concentrating more of my efforts on business, that my ears are wide open to the public sentiment from my many customers and staff. The General consensus is not exactly one that could be called community orientated. The point that I would like to make is, that the current design concept are terrible for what the local council had set out to achieve for this area.

The current local pool is old and needs to be replaced with an indoor pool. That is understandable. The pool can not be built at a 50-meter length because of the costs etc. also understandable. But why does the local council and those designing the facility need to try and keep everyone happy with every space that was wanted from different community groups. Why does the local council think its necessary to give them all what they want?

The community was promised an indoor pool. Give them that. There is no need for a gym, (as this market is full enough in our area as it is)

There is no need for a theatre space that can only accommodate 350 people in a cramped foyer and substandard catering facility. It is not good enough.

My proposal for you to consider, is that eradicate some of the extra little rooms that are involved with the theatre space and theatre itself and really deliver the aquatic centre that was proposed for the public. At least so the pool would have enough room to accommodate a school swimming carnival!

Add on a community hall on the side of the site if needed (as the current community centre has been rumoured to be sold!)

You have ownership of the Bowling club site that will be occupied for the next 3 years, why not flag that site for commercial development that must include a subsidized theatre space that can marvelled by the rest of the country. Promise the community if that's what it is they want ( a theatre space) make the best one you can deliver, not a substandard facility that will never be able cater for the calibre of what is our town needs to attract into the future.

Please feel free to contact me regarding this matter as I only want was is most sensible and what was promised to the local community. If anything consider trying another architect that can come up with some better options.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]

## Attachment G – Design Response – Concept D

Listed below are the key concerns raised through responses to the survey, issues raised by internal Council staff and the various submissions. The table demonstrates how the latest concept plan should seek to redress these concerns.

KEY ISSUE	CONCEPT D
Strong preference for the two facilities to have their own foyer/entrances.	Concept D will need to balance the concerns of internal staff with regard to staffing costs as opposed to the views of the community for the two facilities to have a strong degree of separation. One option to be considered would be to join the two facilities with a link. The link could contain the main administration area, visitor information services and possibly the café. This would provide some separation between the two facilities while enabling staffing costs to be kept at a minimum.
Lack of a 50 metre pool included in any of the three concept plans.	Councillors have removed the inclusion of a 50 metre pool from the scope of the Mackay Park project. However, Councillors have requested that the plan show how a 50 metre pool could be included on the site. Concept D will need to show where a 50 metre pool could be included in the future.
That all pools should be indoors.	Concept D must show how all the water bodies in the aquatic component can be housed indoors. The design must also allow for open air access to be made available during the warmer months.
Preference for the gym to be upstairs.	Concept D should include the gym upstairs. Access to the gym must be available through both stairs and lift. The overall design of the gym must minimise any noise interference from the gym transferring into the main aquatic swim hall.
Proximity of café to pools and being accessible to all patrons (paying and non-paying).	The café must be located where patrons can view Learn to Swim and Waterplay. The café must also provide the option of enabling patrons to utilise the facility without having to enter through reception (non-paying). Café should offer a choice between indoor and outdoor dining.
Some queried the future location of Mini Golf.	Concept D must allow an adequate space where Mini Golf could be located (subject to the outcome of current negotiations).
A number wanted the Wet/Dry workshops to be a part of the theatre complex.	Concept D should ensure the wet and dry workshops are included within the theatre precinct.
Some questioned the actual location of the Visitor Information Centre and the role in the	While the exact configuration of the Visitor Information Services is still under



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new centre.	consideration, Concept D must indicate the likely area for these services to be conducted.
Some felt the Art Gallery was too small.	Concept D must demonstrate how art will be viewed in the new centre.
Meetings rooms in the new centre in comparison to the Batemans Bay Community Centre	Concept D must show dimensions of all rooms. Those rooms specifically designated as meeting rooms and multi-purpose rooms that can be used as meeting rooms must be clearly identified.
Layout of water bodies	Concept D must show how the Learn to Swim and Waterplay areas can be accommodated closer to the entrance and in close proximity to the café. Some screening should also be considered for the warm water pool.
Swimming Carnivals	Concept D must address the concerns over adequate seating, room for marshalling and other relevant facilities (consideration to a separate entrance for large school carnivals).
Multi-purpose room in aquatic component	Concept D should provide a multi-purpose room that can be used by key pool users and also be used as a meeting room.