

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Have your say on the future of the South West Sports Centre

The City of Bunbury is asking for feedback from the community to guide the future of its primary indoor sport and recreation facility – the South West Sports Centre (SWSC).

Consisting of a 10-lane 50-metre pool, four-lane 25-metre pool, leisure pool, three-court indoor stadium, six squash courts and health and fitness facilities (gym, group fitness and RPM studios) the centre was originally constructed in 1979 to cater for the growing City of Bunbury.

Since 2001 the population of the Bunbury Geographe region has more than doubled to about 90,000 with participation trends in sport and leisure activities evolving and demand for health and fitness-related activities growing significantly.

The SWSC is now at a point where it needs to adapt to the changing demands of the community and ensure it is able to provide the necessary facilities and associated services required to meet current and growing demand from its resident sporting groups and the wider community.

This project integrates with the City of Bunbury's Sport and Recreation Strategy and will identify the community's requirements to enable the SWSC to continue to provide facilities for the City and region's sporting and leisure needs, delivering programs that support an active and healthy community and are aligned to Sport Australia's Sport 2030 strategy.

Mayor Gary Brennan encouraged the community to have their say.

"As the premier sporting facility in the Bunbury Geographe region it is important users and potential users give their feedback on the future of the centre," Mayor Brennan said.

"The City values the community and its input."

We will be asking for comment from SWSC users and the community until Friday 12 October; the information provided throughout the process will be used to inform the development of concept proposals and the associated business case required to complete the project.

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User groups and sporting clubs of the South West Sports Centre have also been asked for their input into the strategy.

Comment can be made via Social Pinpoint, please follow the link to have your say

<https://bunbury.mysocialpinpoint.com.au/swsc/>

Or alternatively those interested can visit the South West Sports Centre and leave their feedback or send suggestions and ideas through to records@bunbury.wa.gov.au

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