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## DALBY TOWN COUNCIL

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### COMMUNITY SUPPORTS AQUATIC CENTRE

The feedback collected from over 280 Dalby Wambo residents who participated in Council's aquatic centre survey at the end of last year has shown strong community support for the proposed project.

The results of the aquatic centre community consultation process were presented to Council at last night's general purpose committee meeting and are now available to the public on-line at [www.dalby.qld.gov.au](http://www.dalby.qld.gov.au).

Engineering Services Manager Stephen Hegedus said that involving the community, user groups and key stakeholders in the initial planning stages of the proposed aquatic centre has reaped valuable feedback.

Survey respondents rated the following aquatic centre facilities as the most important to be included; toilets/change rooms, indoor 25 metre heated 10-lane lap pool, enclosed heated learn to swim and hydrotherapy pool, outdoor family recreation pool, administration/café building and picnic/BBQ area. The inclusion of a 50 metre outdoor pool also proved a popular facility requested by the sample group.

The PCYC and the existing swimming pool site were the most preferred proposed locations, with alternative sites suggested including next to Council's Chambers in Drayton Street, Thomas Jack Park and next to the Dog Bowl.

The main concerns raised by survey respondents were in relation to the cost of entry and safe access by children to the aquatic centre.

"Overall results show a high level of community support for the proposed aquatic centre and this will assist Council in securing funding for the project."

Council is now progressing with the next two stages of the project, namely the preparation of concept designs and a feasibility study.

"During the next stages of the project Council will consider a number of options and initial capital costs as well as on-going running costs.

"Our objective is to ensure the final design is economically affordable and doesn't create an on-going impost on Council's annual budget," Mr Hegedus said.

Council will consult key user groups during the development of design options and the final design concept will go on display for public comment.

Council's target for finalisation of costings and concept designs for the aquatic centre project is the 2005/2006 budget deliberations that will take place in June.

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