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Dalby Wambo Aquatic Centre Update

Following the appointment of sports and leisure consultants Leisure Futures and architects Fulton Trotter and Partners in March, the Dalby Wambo Aquatic Centre Project Committee have been busy gathering information to assist Council progress the development of an aquatic facility in Dalby.

Manager of Engineering Services Stephen Hegedus said that due to the complex nature of the project, a dedicated committee was established to work closely with the consultants to undertake detailed research.

"For Council to make informed decisions it's important to know the facts in relation to the needs of pool user groups, community expectation, pool design, facility management, operating costs, revenue streams and importantly, how to access vital funding.

"The committee includes both Dalby and Wambo Council representatives as well as Dalby Town Council staff members who are working on the project", said Mr Hegedus.

The project committee and Leisure Futures recently inspected nine existing aquatic facilities. A process that Mr Hegedus describes as educational because the committee was able to see first-hand what worked and what didn't work.

"We learnt that successful facilities are those that enhance community lifestyle by creating a welcoming recreational environment, rather than just a functional pool".

As a part of Leisure Futures' independent feasibility study a broad selection of key community stakeholders have been consulted. Ranging from the swimming club and local schools, Ningana and physiotherapists, to petition organisers.

"Each stakeholder group has a persuasive case for their preferred location or pool configuration and all views are being considered."

Council is yet to make a decision on the location of the proposed aquatic centre or the conceptual design layout.

Interested members of the community are welcome to attend ordinary meetings of Council and agendas are available at www.dalby.qld.gov.au.

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Caption for attached photo: The Dalby Wambo Aquatic Centre Project Committee inspects the Glennie School Indoor Pool.



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