



DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

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DSS5 SOUTH WEST ROCKS SWIMMING POOL
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the construction of an amenities block at the South West Rocks Swimming Pool.

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The results of the pool survey conducted in 2004 identified that one of the concerns from the community was the lack of public privies and change rooms within the South West Rocks swimming pool.

An amenities block is situated outside the perimeter of the pool complex. Pool patrons are required to leave the grounds to use these and, in the case of parents with more than one child, remove all the children from the pool to escort a child to the toilets.

The South West Rocks Country Club is also looking at upgrading their pro-shop and kiosk area to include a demountable building and amenities block. It was with this in mind that a design which addressed both the requirements of the golf club and the swimming pool was developed.

Negotiations with the South West Rocks Country Club have resulted in plans and designs being provided to Council and the necessary approvals currently being sought.

The block will consist of male and female toilets that can be accessed by golf club patrons only and on the other side, male, female and disabled toilets that will only be accessible from within the pool grounds.

Negotiations with the architect have seen an inclusion of a shower in the disabled toilet area. This area will then serve as both a family change room as well as disabled facilities. This provision of a family change area is in line with Royal Life Saving Society guidelines.

It is felt that Council should be fully supportive of the construction of a shared amenities block with the golf club due to the cost sharing benefits and also that the majority of the works will be managed by the Country Club, reducing the need for Council to provide resources.

It is envisaged that the building will be completed prior to the summer school holidays, ensuring that for the majority of the season, patrons can use the facility.

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

The construction of an amenities block at the pool will ensure that all waste is treated responsibly and with regard for the local environment. Having a new amenities block located inside the pool complex, will decrease the chances of patrons relieving themselves in the pool.

- ***Social***

The provision of an amenities block at the pool will provide safe and hygienic facilities for pool patrons. Showers and change facilities will be provided and available for use by all.

- ***Economic (Financial)***

It is estimated that Council contribution will be in the order of \$65,000. Section 94 funds for Recreation could be made available to fund Council's contribution as some \$540,000 is available.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

There are no policy or statutory considerations.

- ***Director's Review***

Provision of this amenities block within the South West Rocks pool area will address a number of social concerns and the foresight of the South West Rocks Country Club in including this in their proposals is commendable. Council is urged to support the Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the construction of the shared amenities block at South West Rocks Swimming Pool be supported and funded from Section 94 funds for Recreation.

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