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**ITEM-31 NOM 24/10/17 - REFURBISHMENT AND UPGRADE OF
LAMBTON POOL**

COUNCILLORS: J CHURCH, K ELLIOTT, A RUFO AND A ROBINSON

PURPOSE

The following Notice of Motion was received on 10 October 2017 from the abovenamed Councillors.

MOTION

- 1 That Council staff report to the Ordinary Council Meeting of 28 November 2017 on the options for refurbishment and upgrade of Lambton Pool including broad cost estimates of each of the options.
- 2 The options to include, as a minimum:
 - a. Replacement of existing pools, water recirculation, filtration and heating systems, pool surrounds and footpaths, grandstand and shade structures with latest technologies including pool insulation and energy efficient water recirculation and heating.
 - b. Upgrade and cover 25m pool to enable 12 monthly operations.
 - c. Upgrade amenities and include spaces for 'dry' activities such as a gymnasium and work out rooms.
 - d. Extra parking spaces to cater for increased patronage.
- 3 The report to explain the opportunities for staging the works, in line with funding availability.
- 4 The report to describe potential funding options, including State and Federal grants, private sector funding, and SRV funds.
- 5 A briefing of Council be conducted prior to the submission of this report.

BACKGROUND

- 1 Lambton Pool is the oldest of all inland pools (54 years old, opened in 1963), and has tired infrastructure including:
 - Water leakage
 - Worn out supporting infrastructure such as:
 - Decades old technology which consumes significant energy.
- 2 Lambton Pool is the third most utilised service after waste collection and Libraries, and it has patronage about 5 times more than any other pool in the LGA (190,000 visits out of a total of about 350,000 visits per year for all inland pools).

- 3 In 2007 the then Council undertook a review of the inland pools called the Pool Service Delivery Model (PSDM). The key goals for the 2007 PSDM were:
 - Deliver sustainable aquatic facilities that meet community needs;
 - Bring NCC Swimming Centres up to current industry standards and statutory requirements;
 - Increase patronage to NCC Swimming Centres;
 - Increase efficiencies in relation to maintenance expenditure;
 - Operate in a more environmentally efficient manner;
 - Provide value added opportunities including secondary spending and multi-use opportunities.
- 4 10 years further on all these goals are still relevant and have become more urgent due to the aging of the facilities, increasing maintenance costs and liabilities, and the rising energy costs.
- 5 The PSDM 2007 recommended the renewal of Lambton Swimming Centre as Council's first priority. This action was to enable the Lambton venue to be progressed as the City's premier indoor aquatic competition, leisure and program facility and to serve regionally as the Newcastle Aquatic and Leisure Centre at Lambton Park (NA&LC).
- 6 The operation of the 5 inland pools has traditionally been subsidised by Council in the order of \$2million per year. Lambton Pool has normally contributed 25% of this amount and the opportunity to provide additional facilities that could generate revenue to offset part of this deficit, is an attractive option that should be considered as a component of this project.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil