



Shire Press Release - Dumbleyung Swimming Pool Demolition Works

The Shire of Dumbleyung has awarded a contract to Wet Deck Pools for works to partially demolish the existing main Dumbleyung Swimming Pool basin. The contractor is anticipated to arrive on site to initiate works on Friday 9th August 2024. Total works are anticipated to take up to two/three weeks in duration, subject to satisfactory progress.

The partial removal of the main swimming pool basin results from professional hydrology and engineering advice aimed at de-constraining existing subsurface water levels in and around the pool site.

Once the works are complete, it should also allow the Shire the opportunity to further inspect the excavated site to gain a better hydrological understanding of the dynamics which has created a considerable long term build-up of subsurface water.

It is vitally important that the site is completely drained of all existing subsurface water before a tender can be let for new swimming pool construction works.

As a further measure to protect the area from future subsurface water incursion, a separate broader site drainage solution is currently being designed guided by professional Shire engineering and hydrology expertise.

This broader site drainage solution is envisaged to protect both the pool areas and the buildings located south of the swimming pool, noting all infrastructure have experienced rising water impacts over the years.

A draft broader site drainage solution is aimed to be available in readiness for the next 15th August 2025 Dumbleyung Shire Council meeting.

Shire President Amy Knight commented 'These partial pool demolition works are an important pre-requisite step to achieve site readiness in advance of progressing to a new Dumbleyung Swimming Pool tender'.

'Whilst the Shire has successfully achieved full detailed design and project readiness, the ongoing presence of subsurface groundwater is constraining our ability to proceed to new swimming pool tender'.

'We have one opportunity to get this right. The large capital investment outlay required to establish a new swimming pool requires the Shire to identify and fix this long term subsurface water problem to safeguard our future'.

Shire CEO Gavin Treasure said, 'Wet Deck Pools was selected as the Shire's preferred contractor resulting from a request for quote process targeting key contractors. Wet Deck Pools is an experienced pool contractor who provided a very cost effective proposal.'

'The Shire apologises in advance for any noise or inconvenience created whilst demolition activities are undertaken. A site works plan will be established in an attempt to contain all demolition activities on the pool site and/or on the western area located adjacent to the pool.'

'The Shire asks people to take care when moving around where demolition activities are occurring, particularly in and around Bennett Street and the laneway located immediately north of the pool site'.

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