

Kaikōura Aquatic Centre takes a \$950,000 step forward

A new outdoor pool for the Kaikōura community is closer than ever before with over \$2.2million in secured funds, a location chosen and draft designs in place.

The Kaikōura Community Charitable Trust recently secured \$950,000 from the Lottery Earthquake Facility Fund to help build new outdoor swimming pools over 2020 on the Scarborough Street recreation reserve behind Innovative Waste.

Over \$50,000 has also been raised through community fundraising events. This includes over \$12,000 raised at the Kaikōura Hop over the 21st and 22nd September.

Adding the \$1million of funding from the Council, total secured funding is now just over \$2.2million.

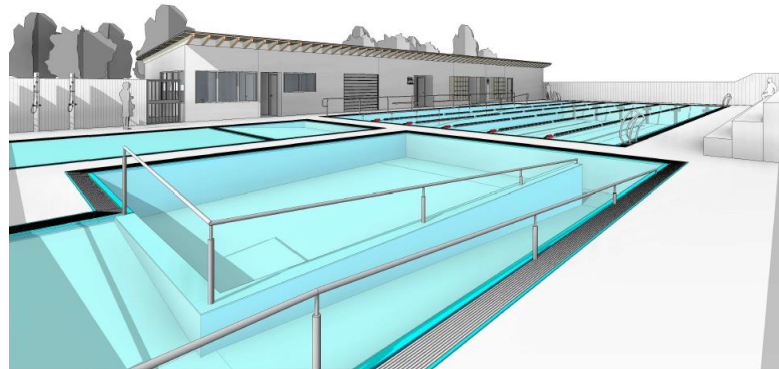


Figure 1 Artists impression of the new pool

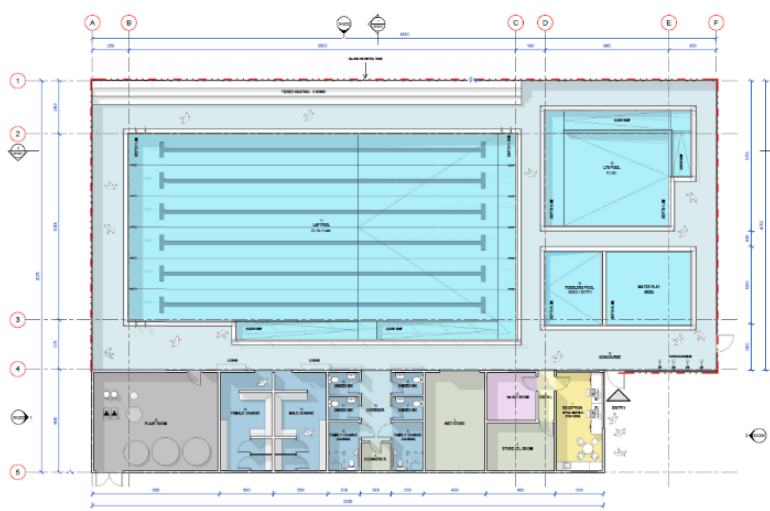


Figure 2 Overhead view of the pool complex

Draft designs for the new pool have been created, with a focus on providing for the elderly and for youth. The goal was to design a complex that would serve the needs of the entire community for at least the next 50 years. The complex includes a 25 x 12m lap pool, a 6m x 8m multi-use learn to swim/hydrotherapy pool and a beach entry toddler pool as well as changing rooms, toilets, a small office and outdoor tiered seating. The designs are now available through Facebook and the Council website.

The total estimated cost for the pools is \$3.7million. With \$2.2million secured, the Trust is now concentrating on raising a further \$1.5 million by mid-2020.

If all goes to plan, this would allow construction to start towards the end of 2020 and an outdoor pool to be open for the 2020/2021 summer swimming season.

\$1.15million of funding grants will be sought over 2019/2020, leaving the community with \$350,000 to raise through sponsorship, fundraising and in-kind support.

Over the next few months, the draft designs will be developed further and key financial and land lease arrangements will be completed. Details for sponsorship and donations in kind are now being finalised and should be ready by November.



The new pool site is located behind Innovative Waste, overlooking South Bay.

11/10/19

Version 2

The decision to build the new pool on Scarborough Street behind Innovative Waste was made after a lot of careful consideration and debate. The Trust rated all available pieces of council land based on several criteria and considered ideas from the community gathered over 2016-2019 including the work from the Sport Recreational Leadership Team, the Combined Sports Groups and feedback from Council's annual plan process.

The site provides plenty of space for parking, future development and expansion, easy connections to local walking and cycling tracks and stunning views. Funding is already being sought for community BBQs, sinks, shading and seating areas, native planting and improvements to walkways and cycleways in the area.

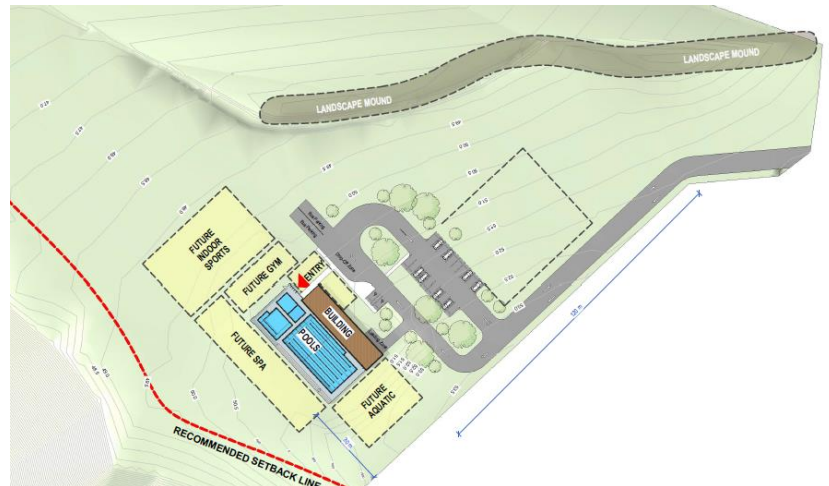


Figure 1 A draft site plan for the new pool – the pools are shown as the blue and brown boxes, potential future development is shown in the light green boxes.

All work on the pools to date is part of stage one of the longer term project to build an indoor aquatic centre. Later stages will add a building and an heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system to convert the pools into an indoor aquatic centre.



The Kaikōura Community Charitable Trust Trustees are; Mayor Winston Gray, Mark Fissenden, John Diver, John Wyatt, Toni Batey, Rosie Clemett and Craig Mackle. Youth representatives are Owen Thornton and Petra Jellyman.

Council is supporting the Trust by donating the land, \$1 million in capital funding and contributing up to \$250k per year to the operating costs. The Council is separately developing plans to close and cap the landfill and redesign Innovative Waste in late 2020 and over 2021. The closure, capping and redesign are expected to greatly reduce the visibility, noise and odour.

Find out more through the Facebook page or by contacting the team. Contributions can be made at any time to the [Give a little page](#) or at any of the upcoming events

More information

- Facebook updates <https://www.facebook.com/Kaik%C5%8Dura-Community-Pool-112958545435910/>
- Latest update <https://www.Kaikoura.govt.nz/latest-news/Kaikoura-community-pool/>
- Background information <https://www.Kaikoura.govt.nz/our-district/swimming-pool/>
- Email the Trust KaikouraAquatic@gmail.com
- Email the Council Pool project coordinator pool@Kaikoura.govt.nz

How you can help

Volunteering: Several fundraisers are planned for the next few months and the team need a hand with organising and running events.

Contributions and sponsorship in kind: The Trust is looking for donations or sponsorship in kind. Sponsorship in kind can include small or large contributions of materials, labour or expertise. Donations can be anything from \$1 upwards. Donate at any time to the [Give a little page](#), show your support at any of the upcoming fundraising events.

Go online or get in touch to learn more.

The Team

The core team is supported by 'friends of the pool' leading our fundraising efforts. Many thanks to Emma Fissenden, Sueann Jones, Justine Schroder for their time, energy and commitment.