



Pool feasibility study to begin

REGION - The south coast has moved one step closer to enjoying a regional aquatic facility after a feasibility study was ordered this week.

The Alexandrina and City of Victor Harbor councils appointed developer and builder Candetti to undertake a feasibility study on the design and costing of an aquatic centre at a special meeting on Tuesday night.

It is expected the feasibility study will take up to six months to complete.

The councils have also appointed Wallmans Lawyers as part of the Aquatic Facility process.

The Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh said it was councils' preference for the developer to build, own and operate a facility that will meet the needs of the community.

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McHugh said.

Deputy Mayor of the City of Victor Harbor Pat Chigwidden said this was an exciting time for the City of Victor Harbor and Alexandrina Council regions.

"Candetti has been given access to a number of reports into an Aquatic facility on the Fleurieu, together with a list of potential sites, which will form part of their full business case study," she said.

The councils called for expressions of interest from private businesses to build, own and operate a pool facility in December 2009.

Three firms registered a written expression of interest

and were interviewed by working parties led by Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh and Victor Harbor Mayor Mary-Lou Corcoran.

Last week the state Liberal party announced it would commit \$2.5 million towards an aquatic facility on the south coast if elected to government, dependent on a feasibility study prepared by the councils.

The proposed facility will include a 25-metre heated, indoor swimming pool, plus a multi-purpose pool including hydrotherapy, additional multi-purpose sports courts, car parking and other complementary facilities.