



Successful project expands recreation options in Barossa

With the opening of Rex Barossa Aquatic and Fitness, Barossa residents and visitors can now enjoy a range of recreational activities in an exciting and modern centre.

As soon as you enter through the new lobby to the light-filled centre, it is clear that this is a facility of which the community can be duly proud.

Equipped with a 25 metre lap pool and a large leisure pool (incorporating a warm pool suitable for hydrotherapy and learn to swim classes) this centre caters for everybody. The leisure pool has been designed with fun in mind – featuring a shallow lagoon entry along with fountains, jet sprays and bubblers. These reinforced concrete fully-tiled pools represent a marked upgrade on the 60 year old pool at Nuriootpa which they replace.

The new premium basketball court adds to the two existing ones, which have been extended and upgraded, and complies with current standards. Excellent viewing areas are provided along with a cafe where the sports can be watched.

A gymnasium area has also been fitted out with the latest equipment, with a new aerobics area to follow in the next stage of development.

The completion of this project represents the third successful collaboration between The Barossa Council, Coffey Projects, DASH Architects and Rider Levett Bucknall, the previous developments being the Nuriootpa Branch Library and The Barossa Council Administration Centre in Nuriootpa.

As the Council's project managers, Coffey Projects worked as the client representatives and risk managers

to assist in delivering another project on budget, on time and to excellent standards.

The centre has been designed with longevity, maintenance and minimising energy consumption in mind, keeping ongoing running costs to a minimum.

Project Architect, Ms Nicole Dent from DASH Architects, said: "We have maximised natural light and ventilation and used materials chosen for their thermal properties. The northern side of the centre features overhangs designed to alleviate the effect of the hot summer sun, while the southern light is captured with the use of glass and Danpalon – a polycarbonate sheeting that has much better thermal qualities than glass."

With a federal government grant of \$2m having been secured to go towards the final stage of the project, this phase will involve the upgrading of the existing facility which incorporates the crèche and two basketball courts. Six custom-built squash courts with movable internal walls will also be constructed.

Members of the Project Team included Coffey Projects' Mr Jim Allen, Project Director; the architects and interior designers, DASH Architects; the cost consultants, Rider Levett Bucknall; Aurecon who were the services consultants and structural and civil consultants; the managing contractors, Candetti Constructions and South Pacific Pools, the design and construct contractor for the pools. Local steel fabricators Ahrens Engineering supplied the structural steel.