

Possible pool sites chosen

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REGION - The south coast is a step closer to having its own pool, with a number of possible site options in the pipeline.

The Alexandrina and City of Victor Harbor councils met with Candetti Constructions recently, where they were briefed on the progress of investigations into developing an aquatic centre in the region.

Candetti was selected by both councils in February to investigate a "build, own and operate" scheme in which an aquatic centre is the key facility.

Alexandrina Mayor Kym McHugh said that the progress to date had included a comprehensive review of potential sites for an aquatic centre, as previously identified by the councils.

"The site options have been narrowed and Candetti is now considering broad master planning of the preferred sites," he said.

Sites at both Victor Harbor and Port Elliot have been considered.

Victor Harbor Mayor Mary-Lou Corcoran said both councils and Candetti are looking at a centre which is not only accessible to all, but also financially viable and sustainable in the long term.

"We expect to deliver a proposal that meets this objective before the end of the year," she said.

Both mayors said the detailed investigation was essential and it would be subject to public scrutiny.

"It is imperative that we keep our communities regularly informed on the progress of the investigations as well as an open and transparent consultation process," they said.

The project team, including representatives from Candetti Constructions and the mayors and chief executives from both councils, will meet on a regular basis to monitor the progress.

Candetti Constructions development manager, Mr Jarrod Lengs, said it was important to keep several options open at this early stage of investigations, to ensure all options are considered.

He said that work was progressing well but details will remain behind locked doors until a firm proposal has been finalised.

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