

Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre (CBAY)

Questions and Answers

1 What is the Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre?

The Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre is a multi functional recreation and leisure facility that will provide a wide range of water based components and activities as well as dry side support services and areas.

The components included in the CBAY are:

- 25m x 25m 10 lane lap pool ranging from 1400mm to 3400mm deep, 26 – 28 degrees Centigrade.
- 17m x 10m programme pool 1100 to 1500 mm deep, 32 - 34 degrees Centigrade.
- A leisure pool including Learn to Swim, Play Toys and fun area
- A toddlers pool 0-300mm deep
- A rapid river – 28 metres long
- Two hydroslides
- A spa pool
- A steam room
- A sauna room
- A meeting/seminar room
- A gymnasium
- A crèche
- A merchandise area
- A cafeteria
- Storage areas
- Group change areas - male and female
- Family change areas
- Mobility friendly access to pools
- Reception
- Water filtration and treatment systems
- Heating and ventilation systems
- Carparking
- Car and bus drop off areas

2 Who is designing it?

The architects for the Design Phase are Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar Brebner Team Architects Ltd.

The Project Managers are OCTA Associates.

3 Can we have a say in the design?

The design is now complete. Previously we have asked for input and carried out consultation as follows:

- A Timaru District residents telephone survey was conducted in November 2007.
- A comprehensive school questionnaire was distributed in Nov '07/Feb '08.
- An existing pool users survey was conducted in Dec '07/Mar '08.
- Three stakeholders liaison meetings have been held.
- Over 100 interviews with affected and interested parties have been carried out.
- Council has visited six other facilities.
- Senior staff have visited a further 11 modern comparable facilities.

4 Are updated plans available?

The updated plans are on the Timaru District Council website, www.timaru.govt.nz.

5 What facilities will be installed to assist less mobile people to use the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre?

The following items are included in the design:

- Carparks for people with mobility cards.
- One changing room with overhead hoist to assist less mobile people to get changed.
- A hydraulic lift to assist access to the main pool.
- Ramped entry to the Programme pool.
- Ramped entry between the existing Maori Park Pool and the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre.
- A lift to the first floor.

6 When does the building start?

Site preparation work started in June 2010 and construction of the main building commenced in August 2010. The main construction contractor is Ranger Construction Ltd of Timaru.

7 What colour will the hydrosides be?

The colours have not yet been determined, however given the residential neighbourhood we expect to use muted tones for the two hydrosides.

8 How close to the fence will the hydrosides be and when will they cease operating?

The hydrosides will not be fenced off. We expect hydrosiding to conclude by 8pm.

9 How high will the facility be?

The Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre building is generally less than 10 metres above the previous ground level. The hydroslide tower will be 12 metres above the ground.

10 When will the lights to the Te Weka Street intersection be installed?

The new traffic signals at the Evans Street/Te Weka Street intersection will be installed and operating by March 2012.

11 When will staff be hired for the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre?

Mr Gary Easthope has been employed as the Recreation Facilities Manager. Operational and support staff will be recruited and trained prior to opening in June 2012.

12 How is it funded?

The capital cost is to be funded as follows:

Rates	\$378,000.00
Council Special Funds	\$4,406,000.00
Council Loan	\$10,510,000.00
External Fundraising	<u>\$8,206,000.00</u>
Total	\$23,500,000.00

13 How much will it cost each year to operate?

Approximately \$4,000,000 per annum will be needed to meet energy, labour and maintenance costs as well as depreciation and loan interest costs.

14 How will the annual cost be paid for?

Approximately \$2,000,000 will come from entry charges, pool hire costs, food, beverage and merchandise, and the remaining \$2,000,000 will be paid by a new rates charge. From 2012/13 the new rate charge will be approximately \$102 per property per year.

15 How much will the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre cost to use?

The entry fee for a casual adult swim will be \$5.00 in 2012. There will be concession discounts available for multi swim tickets. Under 18s are likely to pay \$3.00 for a casual swim.

16 What will the opening hours be?

The Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre is expected to be open 6am – 9pm Monday to Friday and 8am-6pm Saturday and Sunday, a total of 95 hours per week.

17 Will Maori Park still open in the summer while CBAY is being built?

The existing 50 metre pool at Maori Park remains open during the construction phase of the Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre. The diving well and learners pool are now demolished.

18 How many carparks will be provided?

It is planned to provide 70 carparks at the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre. There will also be provision for car and bus drop off facilities near the entrance to the facility.

19 When will contractor vehicles finish onsite?

The main construction contract is expected to be substantially completed by March 2012. After this date Council commissioning will be carried out.

Tradespersons vehicles are expected to be 'onsite' until June 2012.

20 When will it open?

The Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre is expected to be finished in autumn 2012 and after commissioning is expected to open for full public use in July 2012.

21 When will Century Pool close?

It is intended to close Century Pool when the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre opens in July 2012. Investigations are currently being carried out into the possible re-use of the Century Building as a gymsports facility.