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Aquatic centre taking shape to sound of splashing over the fence



Caption/story

Workmen toiled under a hot December day this week as the Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre project moved towards yet another milestone – the final touches to the base of the toddler’s pool, the leisure pool and rapid river (upper right).

And as they worked in the heat, the tantalising sounds of swimmers just across the fence showed how popular the existing Maori Park pool was.

In the photograph above, Timaru District Council programme and contracts officer David Hooke holds architect’s drawings of the new complex, with his left index finger pointing to where the photographer was standing looking south-east.

At centre rear is the main 10-lane lap pool and at upper left and centre the eastern walls of the facilities and operational hall that will house pumps and filtration equipment.

Council district services manager Ashley Harper said progress on the aquatic centre was pleasing leading up to the Christmas break.

“Our contractors report steady progress and the project is on schedule.”

Mr Harper said work would pause for the holiday break over Christmas and New Year, with an early January resumption.

“We would ask the public to remember that the site, although securely fenced, was a construction site and to keep well clear.”

The existing Maori Park Pool will be open throughout the holiday season and can be accessed right to the door via a new car park off Te Weka Street.

Mr Harper said the pool was open from 6am until 6pm. And he reminded swimmers that their four-month season ticket covered all council pools within the Timaru District. That included Geraldine, Temuka, Pleasant Point, Century and Maori Park Pools.

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