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Councillors take a close-up look

The Timaru District's Mayor and some councillors enjoyed a close-up view of the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre this week when taken on a tour of the construction site by council district services manager Ashley Harper and Ranger Construction Ltd construction manager Simon Harding.

The tour showed councillors the excellent progress being made on the centre by building contractors Ranger Construction Ltd and local sub-contractors.

With steel-skinned foam roofing panels now being fitted over steel roofing beams spanning 47 metres, the concrete foundations of the aquatic centre are being closed over, giving form to architectural design that has been hailed as among the best in New Zealand.

Ranger Construction director Roger Forde said this week the project was moving along well, even though wet weather this week was hampering progress with the roof.

He said the aquatic centre was "now starting to speak for itself".

Councillors viewed the concrete walls and round portals where aluminium windows, currently being manufactured in Christchurch would be fitted complete with their toughened tinted glass supplied from Europe.

They also saw aesthetically surfaced concrete blocks which would be laid where appearance and a high degree of ambience was required.

Mr Harper pointed out the housing for the centre's wood pellet boilers and the hopper that would feed the heating system.

A wide range of local sub-contractors are being involved in the upcoming stages with plumbing, electrical and mechanical equipment for the project already in stores in both Timaru and Christchurch ready for installation after the roof goes on.

And wet will certainly be the way to play when the centre opens in July next year.

A multi-level water toy feature providing hours of non-stop family entertainment is to be part of the attractions. The play structure bristles with spray nozzles, jets, pull valves and other water adventure toys. Also part of the water toy will be two indoor slides to complement the exterior-to-interior hydroslide now being constructed by local composites company Aeromarine Industries.

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The Timaru District's Mayor and some councillors enjoyed a close-up view of the new Caroline Bay Aquatic Centre this week when taken on a tour of the construction site by district services manager Ashley Harper and Ranger Construction Ltd construction manager Simon Harding. Pictured in front of the rapidly-developing centre are (from left) Cr Richard Lyon, deputy mayor Cr Michael Oliver, Cr Pat Mulvey, Mayor Janie Annear, Ranger Construction manager Simon Harding (at rear), Cr Steve Earnshaw, and Cr Hamish Fraser.

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District services manager Ashley Harper shows the degree of aesthetic surfacing on concrete blocks chosen as an aquatic centre feature to Timaru Mayor Janie Annear. Looking on is Cr Pat Mulvey (obscured), Cr Steve Earnshaw, deputy mayor Cr Michael Oliver (back to camera) and at right slightly obscured Cr Hamish Fraser.

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