



16<sup>th</sup> June 2020

*Dear Ratepayers & Residents,*

I wish to update you about the status of our Oatlands Aquatic Centre project.

As we informed you previously, Council appointed Bzowy Architecture as the principal consultant to prepare final design and tender specifications for the project. Recently the Council terminated its contract with Bzowy Architecture.

The Council has now engaged Mr Patrick Stanton to assist it with the Project. Mr Stanton is highly experienced, specifically in building and construction and has been involved in numerous large-scale projects in Tasmania and beyond. Mr Stanton will be responsible for managing and co-ordinating the project from this point in time on behalf of Council and has already established a clear timeline and milestones. Philp Lighton Architects has been appointed as the replacement Architectural Consultant to work with Mr Stanton and sub-consultants to see this much anticipated project come to fruition as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Despite the change in personnel, it is our advice that the new arrangements will see a reduction in the timeframe for the project to be completed and I can assure you that I and the Council will be on the case to make this happen. In fact, the new team has already identified areas where design enhancements will improve the external appearance of the facility and reduce the overall capital cost of construction. This will require Council to progress a new Development Application to achieve the desired outcomes and long-term benefits. This Development Application will be lodged on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.

Subject to the granting of Development Approval, it is anticipated that all design and tender specifications will be finalised within the next 10 weeks and the project will proceed immediately to tender.

In conclusion, I undertake to update you at key steps in the process so that we, and our contractors are held to account.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Green".

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