



Our wellbeing

Aquarena outdoor redevelopment

Request of Government

We ask the Federal and State Governments to provide \$15 million in funding to assist in the delivery of this project.

The problem

- ▶ Aquarena is Manningham's sole aquatic centre. The outdoor area (built in 1960s) is a much-loved space, however, is at the end of its lifespan and requires a total refresh.
- ▶ This facility serves the entire municipality and the broader eastern region, receiving 1.14 million visits annually. Without this redevelopment, Manningham Council will struggle to effectively accommodate the growing demands of the community and the delivery of essential health and wellbeing outcomes.

The solution

In 2023, we asked our community what was important to them when visiting Aquarena and their priorities were; an improved café space, water play and dedicated space for school carnivals.

Following this feedback, high level designs were prepared to bring Aquarena up to a contemporary standard, which include:

- ▶ New 50m outdoor pool with swim wall to provide flexibility to run 50m and 25m lanes, plus an accessibility ramp into the water.
- ▶ New family zone – interactive water play, splash pad and toddler pool.
- ▶ Spectator seating and dedicated change rooms for schools and squads.
- ▶ Sun-smart shade structures throughout the site
- ▶ Improved spaces for social connections with a new cafe to serve into the indoor pool hall, new indoor seating area and outdoor deck

- ▶ Removal of gas boilers, and replacement with energy efficient electric plant to future-proof the facility and better meet our emissions targets.

Timing

- ▶ Ideally construction would commence in early 2026 and will take approximately fifteen months to complete.

Project benefits

- ▶ These enhancements aim to create a more welcoming, modern and functional environment for all visitors.
- ▶ The redevelopment will promote active participation, fitness, social connection and a sense of belonging.

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