

6.0 WHAT YOU TOLD US

The Hobsons Bay Aquatic Strategy 2019 – 2036 has involved a targeted consultation with the Hobsons Bay community, Centre users and industry stakeholders.

The following stakeholders were conducted:

- A series of workshops and interviews have been held with Hobsons Bay Council officers and councillors
- Interviews with Aquatic Centre managers
- 233 responses to the resident aquatic survey
- 328 responses to the Bayfit Leisure Centre user survey
- 136 responses to the Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre user survey
- 25 stakeholders were invited to an interview with 14 organisations providing feedback.

6.1 Key Themes

Aquatic facilities are highly valued by the community, they are recognised as important community assets that support the health, wellness and recreation needs of residents.

Hobsons Bay residents identified Bayfit Leisure Centre, Williamston Swimming Life Saving Club Outdoor Pool and Aquapulse as the top three most used aquatic facilities in the last 12 months. 55% of responses to the resident survey chose Bayfit Leisure Centre, whilst 15% of responses chose Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre.

Hobsons Bay residents identified the following barriers to people using aquatic facilities:

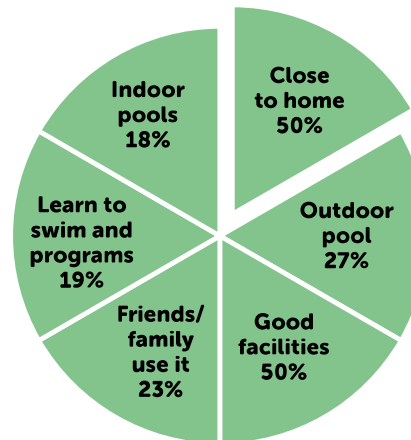
- No suitable facilities close by (39%), Go to the beach

(29%)

- Don't like swimming (10%), Cannot afford it (10%), Too old (10%)
- Activity not available (10%), Opening times don't suit (10%).

Hobsons Bay residents choose their most used aquatic facility because it is close to home (50%) and travel to facilities by car (81%).

Figure: Why People Choose to Use Aquatic Facilities



Hobsons Bay residents rated the Bayfit Leisure Centre as good to adequate whilst Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre users rated it as adequate to poor standard.



98% of respondents indicated that they would like to make greater use of aquatic and leisure centres in the future

There is a desire to improve the aquatic facilities and services.

The following table shows the high priority components identified across all engagement methods. They support the need for more program pools for learn to swim and warm water exercise programs, expanding health and fitness facilities and improved leisure and water play areas. Social and family spaces including café and family change rooms were also identified.

Table: Combined Research Findings for Future High Priority Aquatic Facility Components

High Priority Components			
Resident Survey	Stakeholders Interviews	Bayfit Leisure Centre - User Survey	Laverton Swim and Fitness Centre - User Survey
Outdoor Heated Pools (47%)	Water Play/ Lagoon Areas Competition 50m Pool Programmable Spaces for Learn to Swim / Water Play	Learn to Swim Pool / Water Play/ Splash Zone (76%)	Learn to Swim Pool / Water Play/ Splash Zone (64%)
Learn to Swim Pool / Water Play (31%)	Expand Gym / Group Fitness Rooms / Health and Wellness Suites	Improved / Larger Change Rooms / Family and Accessible Change Facilities (54%)	Improved / Larger Change Rooms / Family and Accessible Change Facilities (62%)
Outdoor Grassed and Shaded Areas (21%)	Improved Change Areas	Outdoor Heated Pools (45%)	Improved Amenities (34%)
Indoor Warm Water Program Pool (15%)	Improved Café	Water Slides / Adventure Rides (30%)	Improved Café (29%)
Indoor Recreation Leisure Pools (15%)	Improve Access and Circulation / Car Parking	Improved Amenities (28%)	Improved Indoor Spa and Sauna (27%)

