



LOCATION

Felixstow, South Australia

CLIENT

Badge Constructions

DETAILS

Redevelopment

FEATURES

50m Outdoor Pool
25m Indoor Pool
20m Indoor Learners Pool
Two 14m Waterslides
Zero Depth Waterplay Area
Pool Accessories
New Plantroom & Hydraulics

Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre

For generations, Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre has been a familiar part of summer in Adelaide's eastern suburbs. A much-loved community facility, its pools have provided a place to learn to swim, cool off, stay active and create memories — setting the foundations for an exciting new chapter in the site's long history.

The redevelopment transformed the ageing centre into a modern aquatic destination designed to support competitive swimming, aquatic programs, recreation and leisure. The new facility includes a 10-lane, 50-metre outdoor pool, an 8-lane, 25-metre indoor lap pool, an indoor learner and program pool, a zero-depth splash play area and a twin waterslide tower, providing a diverse aquatic offering for the community throughout the year.

Originally opened in 1968, the former centre had reached the end of its operational life. Ageing concrete pool structures, underground pipework and hydraulic systems were experiencing significant deterioration, contributing to water loss, increasing maintenance requirements and ongoing operational challenges. Rather than continue investing in major repairs, a complete redevelopment provided the opportunity to deliver a long-term solution while reimagining how the site could serve the community into the future.

The complete demolition and reconstruction of the aquatic infrastructure allowed the pool layouts, hydraulic networks and plant systems to be redesigned from the ground up. This provided greater flexibility in the configuration of the new water bodies while enabling improved circulation, accessibility and the integration of contemporary aquatic technologies.

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PAYNEHAM MEMORIAL SWIMMING CENTRE

A key consideration throughout the redevelopment was creating a facility capable of supporting both community participation and long-term commercial operation. The introduction of indoor aquatic spaces significantly expanded programming opportunities, allowing lap swimming, learn-to-swim programs, aquatic exercise and community recreation to continue regardless of seasonal conditions. Accessible pool entry systems and inclusive aquatic infrastructure also support participation by people of varying ages and abilities.

The inclusion of two 14-metre-high waterslides and an interactive zero-depth splash pad adds an important recreational dimension to the centre, extending its appeal well beyond traditional swimming. Designed to attract children, families and recreational visitors, these features create a vibrant destination for play and social connection, while complementing the centre's lap swimming, learn-to-swim and aquatic fitness facilities. This combination of recreation, sport and programmed aquatic spaces allows Payneham to cater to a much broader cross-section of the community and supports a truly multi-use aquatic facility.

Behind the public-facing aquatic spaces, advanced filtration, circulation and water treatment systems support the operation of the centre's multiple aquatic environments. These systems have been designed to maintain consistent water quality, efficient plant performance and reliable operation across water bodies with differing usage and treatment requirements.

Ongoing commercial pool servicing and technical support further assists with maintaining plant performance, water quality and operational reliability, helping protect the investment in the facility and support its continued use by the community for years to come.

"The Payneham Memorial Swimming Centre will be the pinnacle of aquatic leisure centres, promoting health, well-being and recreational opportunities, as well as providing thousands of children with the life-saving skill of learning to swim."

Robert Bria, Mayor, City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters



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