



Bruce Community Facility



- **THERE IS NO REASON WHY THE POOL SHOULD NOT BE LEFT WHERE IT IS!**

Given the issues with groundwater, damage to the structure and material beneath the current Centennial pool, upgrading the existing pool would be similar in cost to the planned new pool. An upgrade was made to the pool with the new changing rooms. However, the “new” changing rooms have now been there for well over a decade, in operation since 2011.

Ultimately the decision was made by the community for a multipurpose facility on the main street. Opting out of supporting the new facility will not change the decision on location.

- **THE CURRENT LIBRARY/SERVICE CENTRE IS FINE**

The current building is 71% smaller than recommended for a community of our size! The building is not fit for purpose and limits the potential for expansion and development.

An update and fit-out of the existing library building has been considered by Council. This would cost as least as much as a rebuild but still wouldn't deliver the services of a new build.

- **THE GROUND BENEATH NEW SITE IS UNSTABLE / UNSUITABLE**

An intrusive geotechnical investigation has been completed to confirm that the site is suitable for the required use. This was co-funded by the BCFT with a grant gained for a feasibility study.

- **THE SITE IS CONTAMINATED**

Some chemical contamination was identified on the site due to previous industrial use of the property . The majority of contaminated material has been removed, the rest will go in due course.

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MYTHS:

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- **A BENEFACTOR OFFERED TO REBUILD THE EXISTING POOL OR INSTALL A STAINLESS-STEEL LINER AT NO COST**

Not at any point since the formation of the Bruce Community Facilities Trust (BCFT) in 2019 and countless meetings with all key stakeholders has there been such an offer. The only substantiated mention of a stainless-steel pool was during design research in relation to a new pool. This was raised by the committee only.

- **THE BOOKS WILL GET DAMP**

The concept of a multipurpose facility is not unique to this project. Other pool and library complexes have been successful around New Zealand, with more in the pipeline. In the design for our facility there are always at least two doors between the pool and the library. Climate control and construction detail will ensure that moisture and humidity stay where they belong.

- **THE BUILD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RATES RISE**

A major concern for many people is the rise in household rates this year. This is a valid fear and will most certainly add pressure to households. It is important to remember however that the lion's share of the rise is due to water infrastructure and interest rates. The rates contribution - which is around the cost of one cafe coffee weekly - will contribute to visible, positive progress in Milton and to retaining important community assets.

- **THE POOL IS NOT GOING AHEAD**

The responsibility of this decision lies with us as a community. If we do not speak up and insist that Council replaces our ageing assets, the outcome for the library is uncertain and in the near future we will be without a pool.

THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH COUNCIL AND THE BCFT ON THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER. BRING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE CLARIFIED.