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WEST COAST COUNCIL ZEEHAN POOL & GYM UPGRADES

FEEDBACK SUMMARY

Following the release of the report, an opportunity for the community to provide feedback was provided and is presented below in a summarized form.

The proposal was released for public comment for a period of 3 weeks, from 6 May to 1 June 2022. The comment period was advertised via social media, Council website, local radio and LinkedIn. Feedback was received via email and post to Council office.

There were ten feedback submissions received in relation to the proposal.

Name: Josh Dean

Looks great and modern! The change room and toilet upgrades are much needed.

We would love an all-year round swimming facility, even if it were not heated as much or covered or supervised, I would be there, even if I were able to sign a waiver of sorts. It is very important to many residents' fitness and wellbeing. Zeehan is central to other towns and could be the place to have this pool facility open all year round. Also, if there is any possibility for some undercover electric BBQs like up at the skate park?

Name: Alister

We have only recently moved to Zeehan and managed to get a couple of swims in the pool before it shut for winter. It is a great pool and the upgrades you are looking at doing look great on the plans. Also changes to the change room will be great to see. We have not used the gym yet but looking at the plans it also looks good.

ENQUIRES TO:

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Name: Kristina Deurloo

I would like to suggest a few things about the upcoming Zeehan Gym Renewal. I recently moved to Zeehan 7 months ago. My partner and I are gym goers in Zeehan. Zeehan has a really good variety of equipment and machines already, it just needs a few more things. If I could suggest the addition of a few machines/equipment for the gym:

1. Leg press machine
2. Angled hyper extension instead of the straight one they have in the gym.
3. Dual leg extension and hamstring/leg curl machines – plate loaded would save space and is cheaper than a stack weighted machine.
4. Hip thruster.
5. Resistance bands of different sizes and lengths.
6. More weight variety of kettlebells.

If they are positioned adequately, you could even fit them in to the sized room you have now, if you take out the non-working treadmill and re-arrange the cardio section and small white fridge that never gets used.

Name: Mel Sullivan

The Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre is a big supporter of the Zeehan Pool and try to use it as much as possible with Kids Club Children during December, January, and February. It is a great location for us, clean and always friendly and professional staff. We use the pool for other activities such a Water Aerobics. The covered in area – we are always saying there is no shade, and it becomes very uncomfortable for those supervising for hours at a time. This is a great addition and much needed. I cannot give feedback around the gym as I am not familiar with it, and we do not use it. My only concern is how much this will cost – how much does the West Coast Council put towards it with the other funding you have mentioned. Would upgrading the Zeehan facility mean Queenstown loses its pool? I have only ever heard the West Coast Council speak about how much the pool cost to run and the lack of use – I hear this every single year. What has changed to now want to spend money on it?

Name: Rebecca Pitt & Vicki McKenzie

I am writing regarding the Community Consultation of the Zeehan Gymnasium, whilst the new draft plans for redevelopment looks great, there are a few issues regarding the Squash Courts. A lot of people in Zeehan, and workers from the nearby mines, use the Squash Courts frequently. To remove these squash courts would severely impact the number of people that have gym memberships and disadvantage the community. To have one squash court in the redevelopment would be better than none. There is no requirement for an additional town meeting room as the Zeehan Neighbourhood Centre accommodates this. There are a lot of transient workers that whilst their main residence is not on the West Coast they do work down here for long periods and frequent the squash courts whilst they are here. Therefore, we ask for your consideration in changing the plans for the redevelopment to include at least one squash court.

Name: Kim Holt-Burns

To Mayor Shane Pitt & West Coast Councillors,

I am writing to you regarding the new and exciting proposed future of the Zeehan Gymnasium.

Whilst I live and work on the west coast, I am aware of the use that this facility gets from local residents and transient workers alike.

I know that the squash courts are a favourable sport all year round here on the west coast, and that the removal of the courts completely would have an adverse effect on the people in the community as well as the shift workers that come from towns far and wide.

This would also make memberships less appealing and reduce the frequency of visitors that would otherwise participate in what is currently on offer.

I feel that there are several other options in Zeehan to cover the need for meetings and conferences etc, and that the area proposed within the new redevelopment would benefit more to remain as a squash court for those people that rely on it heavily to detach from their everyday stress and work life.

The promotion of a good, healthy, work, life balance is important, and especially on these dreary winter west coast days where certain types of exercise can be sometimes restricted.

Therefore, I ask that you take into consideration these points of concern and reconsider the current redevelopment plans.

Name: Rob Beveridge

This letter is written to object to the demolition of the squash courts at Zeehan Gym. A small group of us at Renison played a lot of squash prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the lifting of public health measures, and with the onset of Winter we are now making plans to re-start our squash playing.

We are a small group and would be able to make do with just the one court. This is an excellent part of our winter exercise because it is often too dark and wet outside to do anything else.

The request is to retain and overhaul one of the courts, whilst re-purposing the other court for a new purpose.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could take request this into account.

Name: Jeremy Stonehouse

To whom it may concern,

I have used the squash courts and gym facilities for over 20 years, I'm in the process of organising another squash roster for anyone that's interested in playing, including the workers from the Renison Bell camps.

I think it's a complete waste of money removing the squash court and using them as the new entrance etc. I think the money would be better suited to enclose the pool facilities and make it an all-year-round area that people can use.

Once the squash courts are gone, we won't get them back even if one is saved it's better than both of them going. Then the people of the west coast who enjoy the use of them and their exercise benefits won't miss out on another slowly dying activity.

The west coast residents don't need more reasons to leave and I think removing the squash courts is just another nail in the coffin for the west coast council!

Name: Karen Rose

To whom it may concern.

As a new to the Zeehan community/ gym, I would be very disappointed to see the squash courts go. I'd like to see a roster start up and encourage new members to the gym. Adults are overlooked for exercise with most efforts put into children's sport and fitness. Where is the encouragement for adults' physical health, mental health?

The money would be better spent enclosing the pool so it can be used all year round. Workers and families would benefit from an all-year-round pool, for exercise, rehabilitation, therapy for the elderly or injured. After 7 days driving a truck underground, I would definitely be going for a swim at the end of my swing!

There would also be more opportunities for learn to swim classes for all ages and abilities. The school could have swimming classes all year long as part of the children's physical education program.

This also creates employment opportunities for Zeehan and increase the membership numbers. Zeehan needs more physical movement opportunities not less.

Adults that are involved in physical activities are happier, healthier and a better role model for their children. We struggle to get families to move here, let's make the place more appealing with family-based activities.

Let's get the adults moving, so the youth get moving!

Name: Zeehan Thrives

Dear West Coast Council

Thank you for allowing Zeehan Thrives to provide feedback on the Zeehan Gym and Swimming Pool revamp. The members have viewed the plans and we agree that the revamp will be welcomed and will certainly allow for a complex with a greater diversity, overall accessibility and will secure the pools future in the longer term. The area, which will be converted to an undercover area, will be a huge benefit in protecting patrons from the elements and will be an asset for such events as school swim programs and events. Increasing the area of the gym will be welcomed by users as the gym does have good patronage and will allow for extra equipment and will allow for more users in the facility at the same time. The development of a large function room/ area will provide for a usable space that has the benefit of catering for many different events, classes, training etc.

There were a couple of points that were raised by our members for consideration:

1. The bike parking area should have a camera to monitor the area, particularly if MTB tourists may be using the facilities. This area does not seem easily visible from within the complex.
2. Bike racks would be of benefit.
3. Was the current use of the squash courts checked? There is no objection from Zeehan Thrives for the conversion, but the question was asked.
4. A bbq facility within the pool area would also be beneficial in assisting with a more diverse facility that is family friendly.
5. Advertising that the pools are heated might also be good in getting tourists using the facilities.

Regards

Zeehan Thrives