

# Kensington Community Aquatic and Recreation Centre redevelopment

Providing Kensington with a brand new, modern recreation experience that puts community first.

## What's been happening?

- Crews are tiling the swimming pool and change rooms.
- Retractable basketball rings are being installed in the stadium.
- Works have started on the water play area.
- Solar panels have been installed.
- Acoustic panels have been installed throughout the pool hall.

## What's coming up?

- Installing lights, curtains and signage.
- Completing the flooring installation and painting line markings in the stadium.
- Installing cabinetry throughout the centre.

## What will be included in the new centre?

The recreation centre will feature a fully accessible indoor pool, dedicated learn-to-swim pool and children's water play area, plus a huge gym with top-notch equipment and 24-hour access.

There'll also be three multipurpose sports courts, group fitness spaces, a Changing Places facility, accessible change rooms and a café.

The building operates through environmentally friendly innovations, maximising renewable energy through rooftop solar and re-using energy.

## When will the new centre open?

We kicked off construction to redevelop the much-loved recreation centre in 2021, with works expected to be complete in 2025.

## Did you know?

City of Melbourne was gifted one of the iconic sculptures from 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne - Mother's Art Production's *Eels*. The four-metre sculpture is modelled on the Southern Shortfin Eel, a species native to the Yarra River - Birrarung and of special relevance to Melbourne.

The community told us that they would like to keep the eels on show, so after spending some time in storage, the iconic figures are finally coming home to the new centre, ready to cheer on a new generation.



The *Eels* sculpture



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