

# Hallett Cove seaside pool concepts now open for public comment

The community can now have their say on concept designs for an unfunded proposal for a seaside pool at Hallett Cove, or an option for no pool but some form of constructed embankment protection.

The designs and accompanying report are available on the City of Marion's Making Marion website with an online survey to capture public feedback going live on Friday, July 14, and closing at 5 pm on Friday, August 11.

A community drop-in information session is also scheduled for Saturday, July 29, between 3 pm and 5 pm, at the Boatshed Café, Hallett Cove.

Concept designs of all three options will be on display and the project team will be available to answer questions.

"It's important to note that this is an unfunded project and just concept designs at this stage," Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

"Building a seaside pool is not in the City of Marion's budget or our 4-Year Business Plan.

"A project like this would require funding from State and/or Federal Governments to go ahead."

Building a seaside pool at Hallett Cove as part of managing forecast future coastal erosion was canvassed by the community through a petition several years ago.

Since then, Council has partnered with the State Government to commission a feasibility study and then, in the past year, to do some community consultation and concept designs.

Final concept designs for a 50m pool and 25m pool, both with an adjoining children's wading pool, were presented at a General Council Meeting in June.

Councillors endorsed the designs for public consultation but asked for a 'no pool' option with a design that just included embankment protection treatments to be drafted and added to the choices presented to the community.

The three options have been costed (with contingencies and GST) at around \$10.3 million for a 50m pool, \$9 million for a 25m pool and up to \$2.7 million for embankment protection.

Initial estimates show annual maintenance costs would be \$200,000, \$180,000 and \$55,000 respectively.

According to the concept design report presented to Council, it is anticipated that the 50m pool option will increase parking demand at Hallett Cove by up to 30 car spaces with the 25m option increasing demand by up to 20 spaces.

The report states this increased demand can be accommodated by existing vacant car spaces within a 450m radius of the proposed pool.

A report on the community's feedback during the consultation period will be presented to the Council in September.

*Image: Artist impression of proposed 50m seaside pool at Hallett Cove. Nicole Larkin Design Architect.*

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