



**TOWN OF VINCENT**

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***Beatty Park Redevelopment Step Closer***

The Town of Vincent is pleased to advise that the much-anticipated redevelopment of the iconic Beatty Park Leisure Centre is another step closer with the finalisation of the working drawings.

“We are very pleased that the working drawings have now been finalised and it is anticipated that these will be approved by the Council in late April or early May 2011. With the approval we can call for tenders for construction and investigate funding options for the geothermal energy system”, said Mayor Nick Catania.

At the briefing for Councillors this week, Mayor Catania noted that the Project Quantity Surveyor (Mr Peter Blunt of Rawlinsons WA) had advised that there has never been a better time to build than now as the building industry is in a lull and extremely competitive tender prices should be able to be achieved – allowing more work to be carried out at a lesser price.

“We need to act now to make sure we can capitalise on this market climate. Any delays could result in a missed opportunity for the Council to include a number of sustainability initiatives such as re-use of water from showers to be recycled to flush toilets, automatic louvers to allow natural ventilation, building management systems to save energy and so on”, continued Mayor Catania.

“Beatty Park has played a prominent role in WA’s aquatic industry and in particular in teaching children to swim and developing elite athletes since it was built in 1962. We are very excited by the plans for the redevelopment and eagerly await the start of construction – hopefully later this year”, concluded Mayor Catania.

Stage 1 of the 4-stage project will see a new 2-level extension built, the installation of a geothermal energy system to help reduce the Centre’s energy costs, the provision of a new ten lane 50-metre outdoor pool and the retiling of the indoor pool, together with a new gym and two group fitness rooms, new access ramps for people with disabilities, a new entrance, new swimwear shop, ungraded café and lounge areas, new swim school and crèche, upgraded change-rooms and new family change-rooms. An upgrade of the plant room and associated equipment will also take place during Stage 1.

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