

Kyogle Memorial Recreation (Evacuation) Centre



The project

Council aims to develop a community recreation and aquatic centre that meets a range of needs, the most pressing of which is a modern, self-contained evacuation centre that is fit-for-purpose in any emergency. This critical infrastructure project will be delivered in 3 stages:

Stage 1 will provide an indoor sports stadium, community meeting and training spaces, and public amenities. This stage will also operate as Kyogle's evacuation centre, with direct access to existing showers at the Kyogle Pool and connection to the commercial kitchen at the Kyogle Community Centre.

Stage 2 will deliver a community gym and fitness facilities, including studio and youth activities.

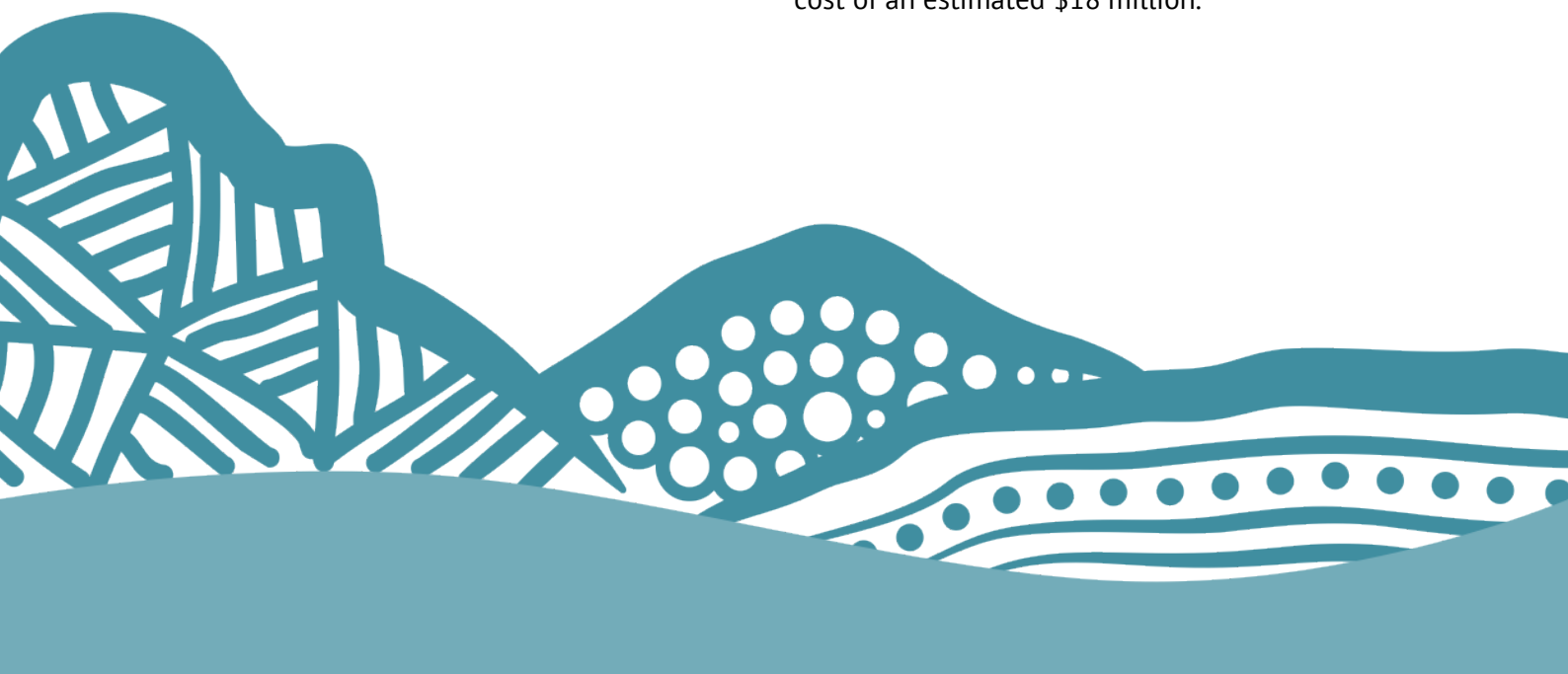
Stage 3 will complete the Centre with an indoor aquatic and therapeutic facility, including a heated lap pool, supporting year-round inclusive recreation and rehabilitation.

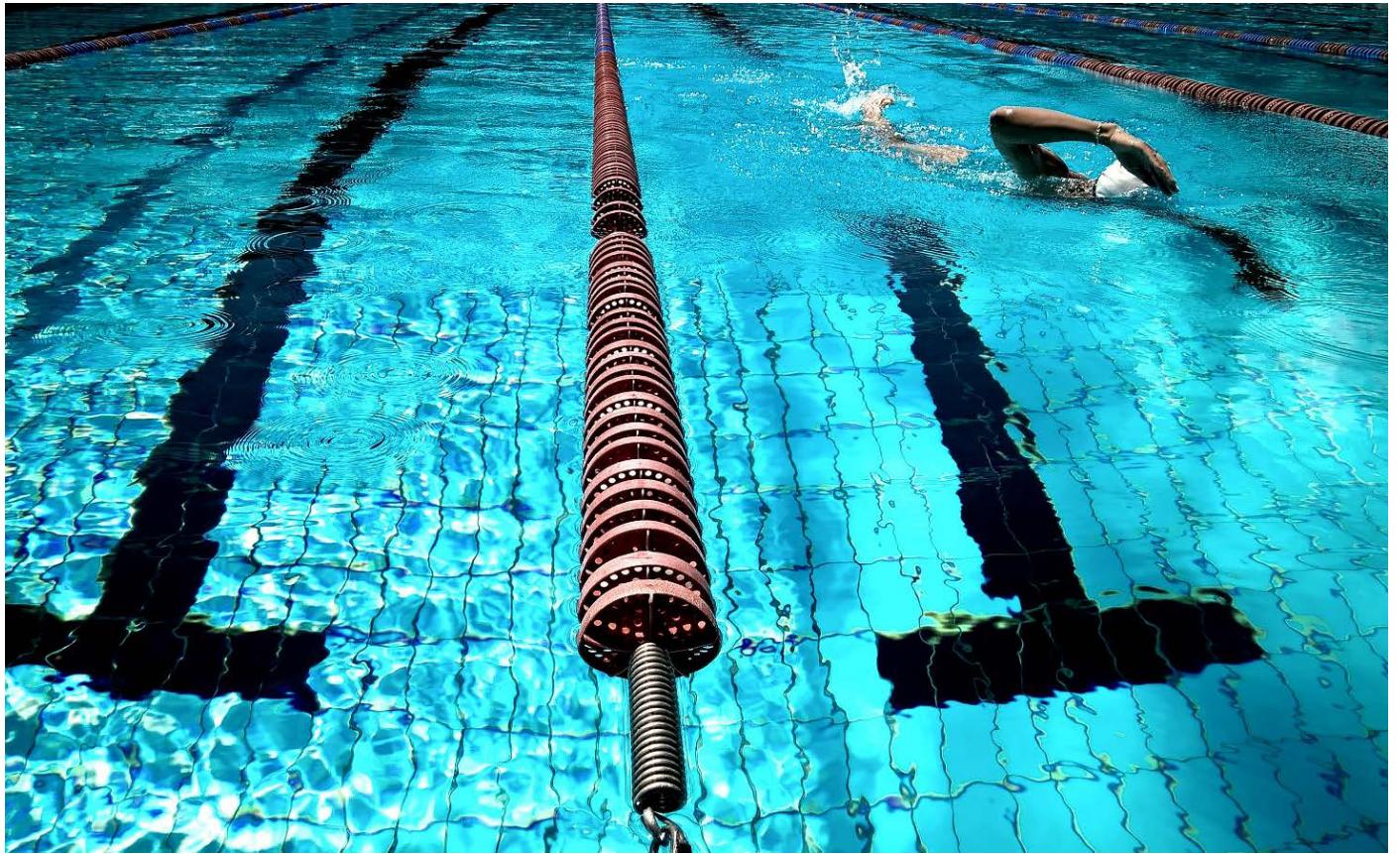


The Recreation (Evacuation) Centre will be positioned in the heart of Kyogle on the existing swimming centre site and adjoining parkland.

As well as bringing the community's sports, fitness and wellbeing facilities together in the same precinct, the project will have the added advantage of moving the existing community-run gym out of ancillary building in the flood zone, to a flood-free, purpose-built facility.

Council's goal is to deliver the completed Kyogle Memorial Recreation Centre by 2028 at a total cost of an estimated \$18 million.





The challenge

Council has secured approximately \$5.6 million through a combination of Council funds and the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund (BLERF), enabling construction of Stage 1 to commence. This stage of the development is expected to be completed by September 2026.

To progress Stages 2 and 3, Council is seeking an additional \$12.4 million in funding. Delivering these stages as a single, coordinated project will provide planning and construction efficiencies, reduce overall costs, and accelerate the delivery of significant social and economic benefits to the community.

Project benefits

By co-locating the fitness centre, alongside an indoor sports/youth activities stadium and aquatic

centre into a single, well-planned precinct, the project eliminates the inconvenience of multiple disconnected facilities.

This centralised, easy-to-access centre will encourage greater participation in sport and recreation, improving physical and mental health outcomes and fostering social cohesion and connection.

The aim is for the Kyogle Memorial Recreation Centre to be an evacuation centre and health and fitness facility—and also a catalyst for economic development, supporting workforce efficiency, job creation, tourism, and long-term growth in the region.

The project has been subject to extensive community consultation, designed to be fully accessible and incorporates a range of facilities that will support and promote active and healthy lifestyles.