

NARACOORTE SWIMMING LAKE

MASTERPLAN 2023-2033

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HISTORY OF THE NARACOORTE SWIMMING LAKE

The idea of a Naracoorte Swimming Lake started with a group of dedicated volunteers, who gathered in 1958 to develop a plan to create a place for local children to swim. A total of 8000 pounds was donated by the citizens of Naracoorte and District to build the lake and the Naracoorte Swimming Lake was officially opened by Governor Sir Eric Bastyn on November 2, 1961.

Located on Moore Street Naracoorte, the Naracoorte Swimming Lake land is owned by the Crown, gazetted as Parklands and dedicated under the Care and Control of Council (classified as community land). The infrastructure, plant and equipment are owned by Council who also undertake maintenance of the swimming lake.

The swimming lake grounds are open all year round, with the lake usually filled and operational from 1 December – 31 March annually, though the season may be extended due to seasonal conditions or special events,

A groundwater water bore adjacent to the lake structure feeds the lake, which holds 9 million litres and takes approximately 5 days to fill. The water is kept clean by recycling through sand filters and a chlorine treatment through the summer months. The lake is drained in early April each year and takes 24 hours to empty. The water is diverted to the Naracoorte Creek after the chlorine has adequately dissipated.

The swimming lake is a unique facility that attracts visitors from far and wide.

There are shallow sections for the littlies, deeper sections for lane swimming, a diving pontoon and an enclosed children's area. The shaded ankle-deep section is the perfect place for toddlers to splash around, and the sandy beach is perfect for kids to build sandcastles.

There is a playground and BBQ nearby and a small kiosk. Admission is free and the lake is usually open from late November until 31 March each year.

Since 1961 the swimming lake has received a number of upgrades to improve the level of service provided to the community and is managed by the Naracoorte Swimming Lake Asset Management Plan which outlines the strategic approach for Council to manage the assets and maintain the facility. This document should be read in conjunction with the Swimming Lake Masterplan and reflect changes or new inclusions as the Masterplan projects are implemented.

The intent of the Swimming Lake Masterplan is to provide a 10-year vision for the Naracoorte Swimming Lake, so this iconic asset can continue to grow and improve for community enjoyment for many years to come.



Naracoorte Lucindale Council’s high level strategic documents include the Strategic Management Plan 2016-2026, Infrastructure and Asset Management Plan and Long Term Financial Plan. The Strategic Plan is the key document guiding the direction of Council. It is structured so that Council’s decision making can be informed by the outcomes and actions set in the Strategic Plan.

The Naracoorte Swimming Lake Masterplan sits in strategic alignment with ‘Other Council Plans’ supporting a consistent strategic approach to developing projects and initiatives at Naracoorte Lucindale Council, as well as ensuring alignment with the Councils Annual Budget and Business Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan.

The Swimming Lake Asset Management Plan is one of many asset plans, developed to ensure Council maintains and renews its existing assets in a financially sustainable manner and plans for the known future.



The Swimming Lake suite of assets are valued at \$4M, and include the swimming lake itself (structure, pontoon and lights) the shade structures, the chlorination and pump sheds, change rooms and kiosk and an array of park furniture such as picnic settings and waste bins. On average, it costs Council \$270,000 per annum to operate the Naracoorte Swimming Lake including all replacement, depreciation, operation, cleaning and maintenance.



Playground area



Open lawn and picnic space



Toilets and change rooms



Sandy bank access area



Shaded poolside area



Pontoon



A series of community consultation steps were undertaken to help shape the concept design and projects identified in this Masterplan.

Document Review

Other Council plans and strategies have been reviewed and considered:

- Naracoorte Swimming Lake Asset Management Plan 2023-2033
- Naracoorte Lucindale Strategic Plan 2016-2026
- Naracoorte Swimming Lake Community Land Management Plan

Community Consultation Phase 1

Phase 1 community consultation ran from March – April 2022 in the form of a short feedback survey both in hardcopy and electronic format to find out what people love about the lake and what new improvements they would like to see at the facility. 53 people responded in writing, while a total of 163 people accessed the consultation information via the ‘Your Say’ engagement platform.

Key outcomes from the survey included:

- 45% of people visited with swimming lake a few times a week over summer
- Most people go there with their children or grandchildren or to just enjoy a cool down in the hot weather
- The top three most important features to the community at the swimming lake are the BBQ and Playground area, the kiosk and the learn to swim programs
- The community really appreciated the fact that there is free entry and that you could use the facility day and night
- Overall the community agreed there are good amenities (shade, seating, toilets/changerooms) but some could do with an upgrade
- More shade shelters were high on the request by the community
- All access parking and wheel chair access and pathways were considered important across the facility
- Incorporate the installation of a water park

While the majority of responses came from Naracoorte residents it was also interesting to note the Council receive feedback from residents from both Minimay and Edenhope in Victoria.



The Swimming Lake is iconic, loved by the community and considered a significant asset for the area. People love the shallow end for toddlers, free all ages access and use, open spaces, green grass and trees. Feedback obtained was that there was support for year-round swimming lessons or access to a swimming facility (ie. heat the lake or a new indoor facility). This concept has not been captured in the Swimming Lake Masterplan as heating of the Swimming Lake would not be cost effective or sustainable and the concept of an indoor aquatic facility is being addressed through the Naracoorte Regional Sports Centre Masterplan.

From the new ideas put forward by the community, all have been included and are annotated on the new concept design.

Hot Showers (Coin Operated)	Playground/ Splash Park Area	Lap lanes section
BBQ's/ Shelter with Table setting	Exercise equipment area	Extra Irrigation
Disabled Car Park/Access Ramps/Bollards	Parking with Line Marking	Pedestrian Crossing
Café/ seating area out the front of kiosk	Open Play Area for Volleyball and other games	Increase area inside the fencing for parent to watch the children
Modernise the Amenities	Install Kerb to assist with Parking and water runoff	Ramp access into pool

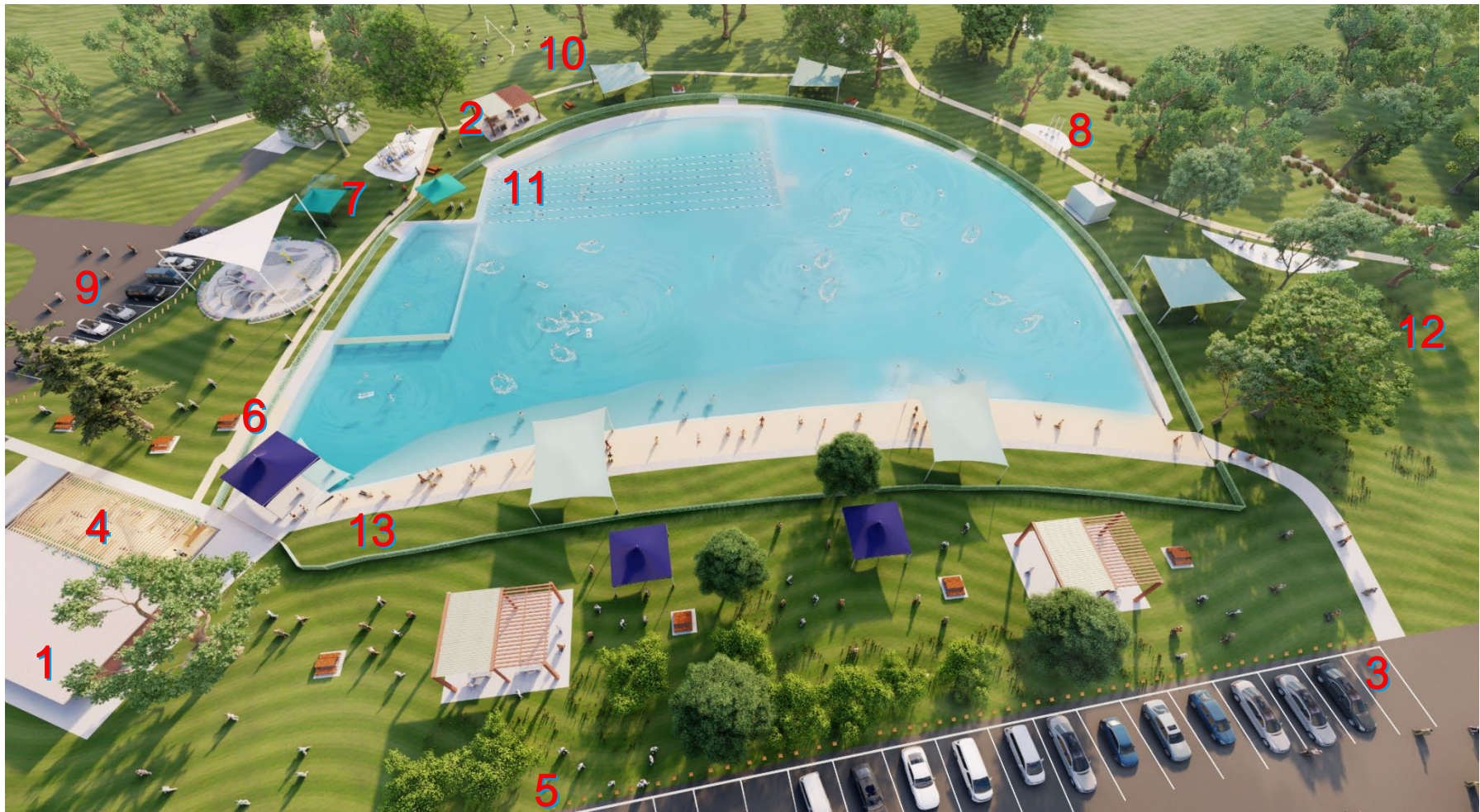
Community Consultation Phase 2

The draft Naracoorte Swimming Lake Masterplan was released to the public for general comment and feedback between August and September 2022.

During that time 33 responses were received, with 26 supportive of the concepts, 7 indifferent and 2 unsupportive. General comments on the draft Masterplan can be themed as follows:

Comment Recieved	Council Response
Shade over sections of the Lake	
Concerns over future entry fees	Council do not intend to introduce entry fees
Maintenance and respect from the public (rubbish etc)	Council has an Asset Management Plan for the Swmming Lake along with day to day operational oversight. Introduce communication reminders to the public.
Promotion as a tourism asset	New signage to be installed.
Quicker development timeframe + some projects bought forward	Project timelines can be reviewed at time of implementation and/or external grant funding opportunity.
Indoor Pool + Heated Water (all year round swimming facility)	Part of the overall Naracoorte Regional Sports Centre Project.
Swimming Lessons improved	Undertaken by a private contractor.
Improved shade	New shade structures installed
Underwater striplighting for lap lanes	
Beachmatting and water accessible wheelchair for hire	Ramp access has been idnetified and this can be refined at time of implmentation. Wheelchair hire could be reviewed as a future project.
Retain trees	All trees are to be retained and maintanced.
Smaller splash park for younger children and/or remove splash park and young children play in shallow end	Splash park to be retained as part of the Masterplan.
Child safe space on southern side	Southern side has increased fencing for familes and child safety.

Overall, no changes were made to the concept plans as originally presented to the community during Phase 1 consultation.



Number	Community Feedback	Number	Community Feedback
1	Hot Showers (Coin Operated) + modernise the amenities	8	Exercise equipment area
2	BBQ's/ Shelter with table setting	9	Parking with line marking + pedestrian crossing
3	All access car park + access ramps	10	Open play area for volleyball + games
4	Café + seating area out the front of kiosk	11	Lap lanes section
5	Bollards + install kerb to assist with parking and water runoff	12	Extra irrigation
6	Ramp access into pool	13	Increase area inside the fencing for parents to watch the children
7	Playground + splash park area		





KEY PROJECT THEMES

The feedback and new ideas from the community provided the inspiration for the project's key themes to progress this Masterplan and Council have through these themes, considered ongoing maintenance aimed to address some of the key strategic elements listed in the Naracoorte Swimming Lake Management Plan 2020-2030.

Key Project Themes	Deliverables
Quality Community Facilities and Infrastructure	
Community facilities and infrastructure to meet current and future needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create more shaded areas • Provide access to cooking facilities closer to the lake – BBQ settings • The ability to have a hot shower (coin operated) • Increased seating around the whole of the asset • Improved catering facilities - Café and seating area • Upgrade of pump and filtration system • Relocation of bore pump station
Enable safe and logical pedestrian, bicycle and all access movements to and through public spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link all areas of the swimming lake • Connect into existing walking and bicycle trails • Create pedestrian safety and access • Wheel chair friendly assets • Bollards • Improved parking and traffic management • All access parking • In pool ramp
Recreation and Physical Activity Development	
Provide facilities and spaces that encourages physical activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install fitness stations along the Naracoorte Creek Walk trail • Provision for lap swimming • Open space play areas • Provide links to walking and bicycle trails
Promote and support access to recreation and leisure opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate playground • Create splash park • Use of inflatable water park
Diverse Open Space	
Provide spaces that are attractive, well-used and improve livability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create open picnic areas • Space to kick the ball, play cricket and volleyball • Landscaping • Garden beds
Ensure that trees are an integral part of the landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there are a significant number of trees surrounding the swimming lake therefore incorporate smaller shrubs and bushes into the landscape
Tourism, Branding and Promotion	
Showcase the district to visitors, residents and potential investors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved signage to the swimming lake (Riddoch Highway) • Entrance statement signage

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uniformed signage around the swimming lake
Raise the profile of the region within South Australia, nationally and internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a space for events • Use of public art
Serviceability and Maintenance	
Incorporate the use of alternative design considerations and materials that will deliver more sustainable infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability considerations when purchasing shelters, shade space and amenities
Develop sustainable practices and techniques to help further improve ongoing maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During detailed design, consider maintenance tasks and how build could assist
Establish and maintain landscapes that are suited to current and future environmental conditions and outcomes and provide high amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving of fence • Add additional waste bins • Review irrigation plan



The indicative information on materials and character is intended to guide development of a unified and cohesive landscape character for the Naracoorte Swimming Lake. Some new elements are proposed that will complement existing features and finishes while also providing high quality and contemporary design. Materials and finishes will be low maintenance, robust and reflect the natural setting.

Pathways + Trails

Sealed concrete pathways for wheelchair and disability access – preferable use of non or minimal slip materials. Some sections may use a natural crusher base to link into existing trails



Street Furniture

Preference for recycled materials or powder-coated frames with a natural modern aesthetic



Gazebo + Shelters

Powder-coated or treated timber with a natural, modern aesthetic providing shade and shelter in the winter



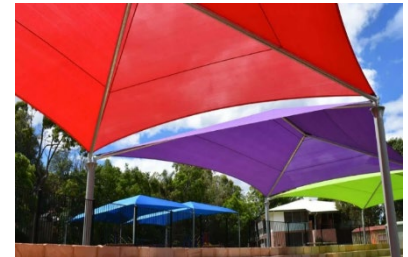
New interpretive signage, entrance sign and framing

To match other way-finding signage in the Council area (branding, style and logo)
Given the heritage and iconic value of the swimming lake an entrance type statement piece could help further elevate the asset Preference of a mixture of treated timber and stainless steel



Shade Shelters

Galvanised and Power coated posts with heavy duty shade cloth specifically designed for large scale structures – Extreme 32 High UV-R Protection



Play Spaces

Water play - made from durable materials to withstand all elements – solid base comprising of either concrete or durable material, steel or recycled material structures



Bollards

Preference for recycled materials, galvanised metal or treated timber.



BBQ

Stainless steel and electrical as per standard Council provision for other open spaces



Amenities

Modernise the look and feel of the current amenities incorporating the use of recycled materials, timber, steel, or hard board paneling and paint.



Fencing

Power coats fencing to match in with existing



Café

Contemporary style – use of recycled materials, timber, steel, or hard board paneling and paint.



**Please Note: The images are for illustration purposes only and should not be taken as a final representation of the end product.*

The following potential funding sources have been identified to assist Council and the community in implementing the Naracoorte Swimming Lake Masterplan.

• Open Space Grant Program

The State Government's Open Space Grant Program provides potential financial assistance to Councils for the purchase, development and planning of open space. Funds are made available under the categories of Open Space Development, Open Space Land Purchases and Open Space Planning.

For more information visit https://plan.sa.gov.au/our_planning_system/schemes/planning_and_development_fund

• Regional Growth Fund

PIRSA offers up to \$2M matched funding for projects drive new economic activity and produce outcomes that would not occur otherwise, demonstrate transformational change for an industry or sector, create new or additional sustained economic benefits for the community/region.

For more information visit https://pir.sa.gov.au/funding_and_support/funding/regional_growth_fund

• Public Art and Design Program

The Public Art and Design Program is provided through Arts SA and are generally site specific projects. These can include, stand along sculptural works of art, integrated elements within urban infrastructure or the fabric of a building or works of art that may be integrated within landscaping projects or may be landscaping themselves.

For more information visit <http://www.arts.sa.gov.au/grants/publicart>

• Tourism Development Fund

The South Australian Tourism Commission is offering 30% contribution to private sector projects of up to \$500,000 aligned to the South Australian Regional Visitor Strategy. The objective is to improve tourism infrastructure and experiences that appeal to target markets, grow economic benefit via increased visitor expenditure, create new jobs and develop skills, encourage further development in infrastructure and visitor facilities, encourage businesses to working collaboratively and implement sustainable business practices.

For more information visit <https://tourism.sa.gov.au/support/tourism-industry-development-fund>

• Asset and Capital Works

Council is responsible for the delivery of significant assets and capital works per annum. There is potential to leverage forecast works to reduce 'new' investment required to deliver on this Masterplan, Council's Asset Management and Capital Works Program can be utilised to assist timing of works and optimise the value for money.

For more information visit: <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/council/plans-and-service-levels2/assetmanagement>

- **Services and Programs**

Council also manages a significant services and programs budget that would include initiatives such as events or the community art fund. Existing programs, budgets and services could be reviewed to deliver outcomes as a component of current business.

For more information visit: <https://www.naracoortelucindale.sa.gov.au/council/financial2/annualbusinessplanandbudget>

- **Other funding sources**

Further Government grants and programs can be found at:

<http://www.grantslink.gov.au>

<http://www.business.gov.au/Grantfinder>

<https://www.grants.gov.au/>

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN + COST ESTIMATES

Theme + Projects	Cost Estimates									
	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Quality Community Facilities + Infrastructure										
Shade Sail Shelters	\$60,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$25,000				
Street Furniture	\$30,000		\$10,000	\$20,000		\$10,000	\$10,000			
Gazebo/ Shelters (3)	\$90,000			\$45,000						
BBQ Setting	\$20,000			\$10,000						
Amenities – Internal - Showers	\$20,000									
Amenities - External		\$40,000								
Civil Design – Paths and Carpark	\$20,000									
Paths, Trails and Ramps			\$164,000							
Bollards			\$10,000							
Disabled Parking - Construction			\$29,920							
Line Marking of Carpark				\$5,000						
In Pool Ramp						\$80,000				
Kerb and Watertable			\$105,600							
Catering Facilities/ Café - Design	\$10,000									
Catering Facilities/ Café Construction		\$350,000								
Recreation + Physical Activity Development										
Fitness Equipment						\$45,000				
Swimming Lanes										
Relocate Playground Area - Upgrade							\$253,000			
Splash Park								\$500,000		
Inflatable Water Park – (Hire)	\$4,000		\$4,000		\$4,000		\$4,000		\$35,000	
Diverse Open Space										
Picnic Area						\$5,000				
Sport Area – Volleyball/Footy/Cricket				\$5,000						
Landscaping				\$10,000						
Garden Beds				\$10,000						
Additional Tree and Plants				\$5,000						
Tourism, Branding and Promotion										
Entrance Statement	\$10,000									
Wayfinding Signage (Riddoch Hwy)	\$5,000									
Uniformed Signage Around Lake	\$5,000									
Art Work						\$10,000				

Serviceability and Maintenance	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Fencing				\$100,548						
Additional Bins						\$5,000				
Irrigation						\$5,000				
Total Masterplan Projects	\$274,000	\$415,000	\$348,520	\$260,548	\$29,000	\$185,000	\$267,000	\$500,000	\$35,000	\$0

* Figures based on 2022/2023 cost estimates.

Ongoing Costs	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Swimming Lake Operations + Maintenance	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475	\$ 256,475

*All costings are based on 2022-2023 estimates and no cost indexation has been applied

Other Asset Upgrades	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	29/30	30/31	31/32	32/33
Upgrade of pump and filtration system					\$150,000					
Relocation of Bore Pump Station/Upgrade					\$150,000					

* Figures based on 2022/2023 cost estimates.

Total Costs (Masterplan Projects, Maintenance + Upgrade)	\$530,475	\$671,475	\$604,995	\$517,023	\$585,475	\$441,475	\$523,475	\$756,475	\$291,475	\$256,475
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Total Estimated Cost of Projects – Masterplan Projects	\$2,314,068
Total Estimated Maintenance Costs	\$2,564,750
Other Asset Upgrades	\$300,000
Total Cost of Masterplan (over 10 years)	\$5,178,818



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