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\$6m revamp for Toronto Swim Centre

Lake Macquarie City Council will spend more than \$6 million on a major renovation of Toronto Swim Centre to bring the facility into line with community expectations.

The revamp will include retiling of all pools, a new combined hydrotherapy and spa pool, refurbished amenities and vastly improved air and water quality.

Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Cr Kay Fraser, said the project would provide a much better user experience, with modern facilities for all ages and abilities.

“These will include new family change rooms and accessible lifts to all pools,” Cr Fraser said.

“We will also be replacing the centre’s filtration and disinfection systems and its roof, with new solar panels and roof insulation.”

Community Assets Section Manager Brendan Callander said the project would require the closure of the centre for an estimated 12 months from Saturday 7 July.

“This is unfortunate but unavoidable, due to the scope and nature of the work,” Mr Callander said.

Council owns Toronto Swim Centre but the site is operated by contractors First Splashes.

First Splashes and Macquarie Shores Swim Club, based at the centre, have been consulted throughout the project’s planning phase.

The existing site includes a 25m heated pool, a 16m heated learn to swim pool, hydrotherapy pool, spa pool, kiosk and change rooms.

“This refurbishment forms part of our proactive approach to managing an ageing portfolio of aquatic facilities across Lake Macquarie,” Mr Callander said.

“It will have fantastic benefits in terms of updated and attractive facilities, which we anticipate will increase patronage once the centre reopens next year.”

Other improvements included in the revamp include a new entry and kiosk, a new training room, pool resurfacing and new stairs to the 25m pool.

The closest alternative Council-run swim centres are at West Wallsend and Charlestown, and at Morisset and Speers Point during the warmer months.