

Council makes a late dive for pool tenders

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MONASH Council has advertised for tenders for a detailed design plan for the redevelopment of Oakleigh pool, less than a month before funding for the project will be known.

On September 7, the council advertised for expressions of interest from aquatic consultants for comprehensive engineering design work for the project.

At the same time, it is preparing its application for the Government's Better Pools funding program, the deadline for which is October 2.

The council has committed \$6 million to the \$7 million project, with the remainder expected to come from the Government's pools funding program.

A heated 50-metre pool, diving pool, splash pad play area, spa and renovated changing rooms are part of the redevelopment plans for the pool site.

Oakleigh Ward councillor Gerry Kottek said the council's funding application would not be based on the design work put out to tender but on preliminary plans drawn up by the council in June.

"Given the timelines, we needed to get the architectural designs done at the same time as when the Government decides on funding.

"We've had the council design team putting the concepts together, which is what the Government funding application will be based on."

He said he was confident the council would have its application finalised by the deadline.

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