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 4. \$5.6 million 25m outdoor pool which includes a toddlers' section;
- OR

■ residents who want the original 50m pool, toddlers' pool and diving pool to be repaired can outline this on their feedback form.

The council can ask for a third of the cost to develop a new complex – or repair the original Oakleigh pool – when the Better Pools funding round opens in August.

OUR POLL



Do you want to save the Oakleigh pool?

Text "WGYES" or "WGNO" to 0402 967 387 OR

Click on www.leadernews.com.au and follow the links.

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Who knows? Next thing it could be Christmas in July!

They wouldn't, would they?

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Toddler pool 23 JAN 2007

THE temperatures are high, the gardens are looking sad, there are only so many visits to large shopping centres that a teenager is able to afford.

In the past, the local pool was an ideal venue for all the family, including the toddlers to have a fun and cheap day out.

Although I must commend many of our councillors for listening to local residents, I was disappointed that the current discussion paper for Oakleigh pool does not include the very necessary toddler learner pool.

I hope that when residents are completing their pool questionnaire they will request a toddler pool.

Meanwhile, my son and his friends have no local, low-cost healthy water play venue.

Judith Ward,
Oakleigh.