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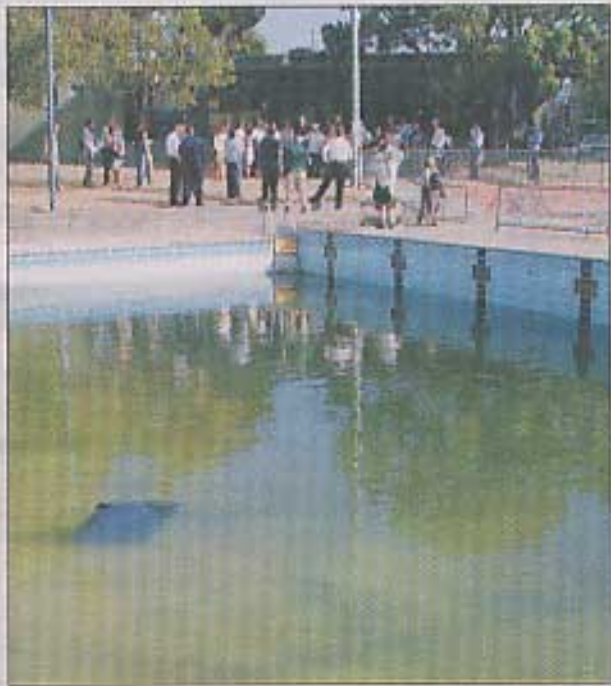
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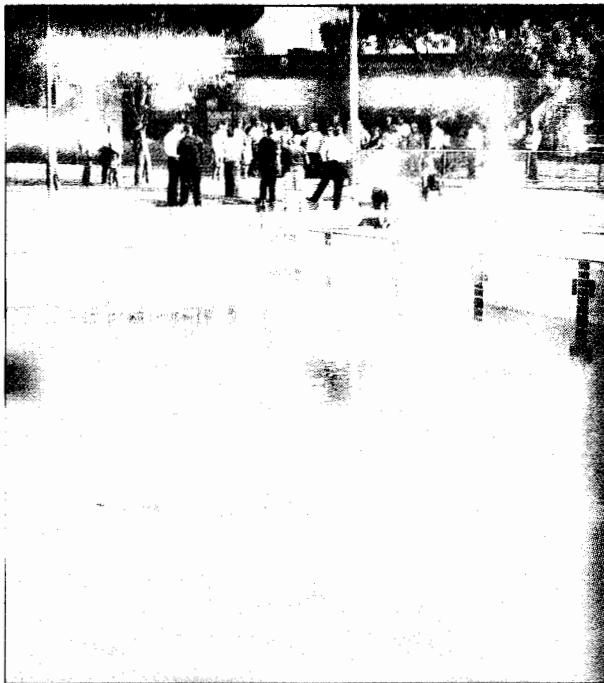
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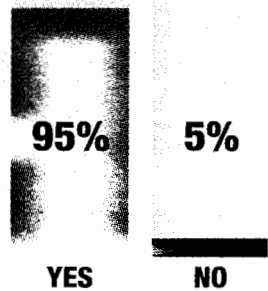
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# Pool: time to take stock

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THE opportunity to redevelop the Oakleigh pool site is far too good to not consider the full gamut of possibilities available to ensure this prime precinct fills present and future needs for all our residents.

Whatever is decided, this site will be in place for possibly the next 40 to 50 years.

The decision requires careful and full consideration to gaining the optimum recreational benefits for our community.

The old pool is closed and for good reason. Ahead is a consultation program leading to final decisions for the site.

We have this exceptional piece of land in use for about 12 weeks a year.

To simply replace or restore the existing facilities without giving due consideration to the needs of our entire community would be folly.

Currently the pool has been used from mid-December through to the end of January when school returns, the month of February is taken up with school carnivals and the like, and unless we have exceptional weather the pool has little use through a couple of weeks in March.

The rest of the year it has been closed off to the public.

Apart from a few local schools who use it on average one day a year, February sees busloads of students from schools as far away as Mt Evelyn, Forest Hill and Mentone booking the pool.

Monash, Glen Eira and Kingston all have 50m outdoor pools suitable for swimming carnivals. This is not a market that serves our wider community.

Once any pool is heated it may be able to attract more people from our local community. If it is value added with other recreational opportunities then we may see the site in use on a regular basis.

I urge our community to consider all

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options at this important time, help us to plan for the future, we are not losing anything but we certainly have a lot to gain.

**Denise McGill,**  
Monash councillor.

## Keep it simple

I WOULD like to see the Oakleigh pool returned to its old self, with a few modern touch-ups such as solar heating and some nice seating so one parent can relax while the other keeps an eye on the kids.

None of Monash Council's plans include a return to its former self.

Would this not be the cheaper of the four options already listed?

**Steve Miller,**  
Chadstone.

## Decision could cost vote

I DISCOVERED the Oakleigh pool about five years ago.

Amazingly it was like the pool of my youth and I couldn't believe it; I could actually ride to the pool along the bike path! No cars!

I remember thinking "this is the coolest

pool and what an asset - grass, trees, shade and a diving tower. My kids are going to love this".

Alas, disrespectful councillors run amok, and the pool is closed.

With the summer we are having this year, what a terrible mistake.

It will probably be the only decision I remember when I vote for the next lot.

**Griff Young,**  
Mt Waverley.

## Feedback open to abuse

I HAVE just completed Monash Council's "Oakleigh Pool Feedback Sheet" and am amazed there is no provision for the writer to include his/her details.

Does not an anonymous response leave the survey wide open for abuse by any interest group - including the council?

**Fran Barclay,**  
Oakleigh.

## Owners responsible

WE SHOULD not penalise the dog (*Waverley Leader*, February 6) but the owners. What we need is responsible dog ownership.

Why should the dog once again be put to death because of irresponsible owners?

We all as dog owners need to take responsibility for our dog, whatever its breed.

Dogs need to be socialised, walked regularly and trained.

Haven't got time? Work long hours? Then don't get a dog!

If you get a dog, take responsibility for it. It is always the dog that gets the dirty end of the deal.

**Judy Small,**  
Mulgrave.



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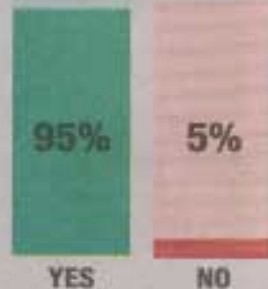
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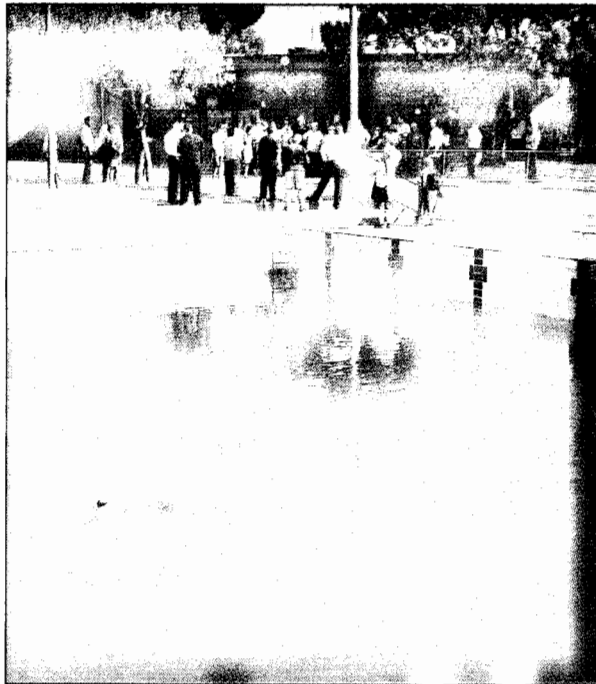
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