

# Pool's future poises on the brink tonight

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A DECISION on the future of the Oakleigh Pool will be made at tonight's Monash Council meeting when the council announces its proposed 2007-08 budget.

The steering committee exploring the options for the beloved pool's development will make its recommendation to the council.

Oakleigh Ward councillor and committee member Gerry Kottek said the recommendation would need about \$6 million funding.

At the May 15 council meeting a report by Red Road Consulting was released, detailing the public consultation process into the four options for the pool's development.

The report showed 900 residents had taken part in surveys, Speak Out tents and a stakeholders' workshop during the consultations, from last December to March.

The results showed no clear preference for any of the four options put by the council, but did show support from residents for an amended option that retained an outdoor 50m pool and diving pool at the site.

At the May meeting the council also voted not to make a submission to the Heritage Council of Victoria, which is investigating the historical significance of the 1950s-built pool.

The Heritage Council review follows an investigation by Heritage Victoria, prompted by a nomination from long-time Oakleigh resident and pool supporter Rosetta Nocera. Heritage Victoria's report, released last month, recommended the pool be placed on the council's heritage overlay, but said it had no state significance.

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