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Council takes over centre

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MANAGEMENT of the Oakleigh Recreation Centre was taken over by Monash Council last week following the collapse of negotiations with the group that had won the tender to run the centre.

LeisureCo, a subsidiary of Robert de Castella's Leisure Australia Foundation, was to take over the centre from Belgravia Leisure when its contract expired on October 31.

But after being awarded the tender, LeisureCo decided not to sign the contract, saying it was not financially viable.

The council decided to take over management of the centre, which features a four-

court indoor sports stadium and gym. The soon-to-be-redeveloped Oakleigh pool is also on the site. Mayor Tom Morrissey said the council was still "considering its options in relation to the tender process and LeisureCo", and would not comment on whether it would seek compensation.

The gym, previously run by Genesis, will reopen tomorrow with 40 pieces of new equipment. Genesis is yet to confirm details of membership arrangements and Cr Morrissey said existing members should contact the company.

The council is offering membership deals for the gym.