

DID YOU KNOW | About 80,000 tiles have been laid for the Oakleigh swimming pool refurbishment.

Millions are being spent to restore Oakleigh pool to its former glory, **Emma Schmidt** reports

Set for a big splash

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Heavy machinery near the dive pool.



Extensive landscaping will be a feature.



Tradesman Tony hard at work.



SWIMMERS, get your bathers ready – the new and improved Oakleigh pool is almost ready.

Given a lifeline in 2007 after a community and *Leader* campaign when it was closed by Monash Council, millions are being spent to restore the pool to its former glory.

The council kicked in more than \$6 million towards the \$9.21 million redevelopment, which is scheduled for completion in early January, including refurbishment of the diving and 50m pools, new interactive leisure water and spa areas, new changerooms and a new cafe.

The pool first opened in 1958 by then prime minister Sir Robert Menzies.

The new centre features the only diving tower in Monash, with platforms at 5m, 7.5m and 10m, with springboards at 1m and 3m. The dive pool and the main pool will hold about 1.5 million litres of water and will be filled at a rate of 750mm an hour to avoid any expansion and contraction issues.

About 80,000 tiles were laid and about 1000cu m of concrete was poured for both pools.

More than 200 tradies were involved in the works, including demolishers, electricians, plumbers, carpenters, steelworkers, landscapers, shade shelter installers, excavation contractors, painters, renderers, plasterers, carpet layers and glaziers.



Monash Council has helped fund Oakleigh pool's \$9.2 million refurbishment (above, and left). Pictures: RICHARD SERONG N24WG502

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