

CT 7485 YARRA CENTRE SWIMMING POOL LINER REPLACEMENT

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The author(s) of this report and the Responsible Officer consider that the report complies with the overarching governance principles and supporting principles set out in the Local Government Act 2020.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Confidential information is contained in Attachment 1. This information relates to contractual matters and contains commercially sensitive information including, but not limited to, the name of tendering parties, the evaluation panel members, and the evaluation of the EOI tenders received against the published evaluation criteria.

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SUMMARY

This report summarises the evaluation process taken and seeks Council approval for the installation of new pool liners to the three swimming pools at the Yarra centre. An advertisement requesting tenders was placed in The Age newspaper on Saturday 18th May 2024 and three (3) tenders were received. The recommendation in this report has been formally endorsed by the tender evaluation panel.

RECOMMENDATION

That

- 1. Council awards the tender from Commercial Aquatics Australia (VIC) Pty Ltd for a total lump sum price of \$1,042,505.00 exclusive of GST (\$1,146,755.50 inclusive of GST) for Contract CT7458 Yarra Centre Swimming Pool Liners Replacement.***
- 2. The Director Built Environment and Infrastructure be delegated authority to sign the contract documents.***
- 3. The confidential attachment to this report remains confidential indefinitely as it relates to matters specified under section 3(1)(g)(i)(g)(ii) of the Local Government Act.***

RELATED COUNCIL DECISIONS

There is no related Council decision relevant to this item.

DISCUSSION

Purpose and Background

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to enter into a contract for the supply and installation of the pool liners at the Yarra centre.

Yarra Ranges Council engaged Hydrautech Designs to prepare a specification to enable a public tender to be issued for the relining of the existing pools at the Yarra Centre (the project).

The Yarra Centre includes 3 Indoor Pools; (1) 25m Lap Pool with ramp, (2) Program / Learn-to-Swim (LTS) Pool and (3) Toddlers Pool.

The Yarra Centre was opened on April 28, 2005. At the time of their programmed replacement, the pool liners will be 20 years old and will have reached the end of their service life and will need to be replaced.

Specialist commercial pool lining contractors are required to undertake the contract works detailed within the specification. The specification and scope of works ensured that the public tender would attract contractors with suitable experience with work of this type, specifically, commercial pool relining installations.

This will ensure that all work including the quality and standard of all workmanship, materials and systems shall be in full compliance with all relevant Australian Standards and Statutory Regulations.

Requirements with respect to programme, insurances, payments, submissions, procedures, quality assurance, warranty and other contract conditions in addition to the requirements of this specification were detailed public tender.

Options considered

The procurement method for this tender was a single stage competitive open tender. An advertisement calling for tenders was published on Council's online e-tendering portal and placed in The Age newspaper on Saturday 18 May 2024. Tenders closed on Thursday 1 August 2024 and three (3) tenders were received.

The tender process has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of Council's Procurement Policy. Tenders were assessed for conformity with the tender documents. A summary of these tender submissions is contained within the confidential attachment to this report. The evaluation panel scored the tenders against the pre-established evaluation criteria, as published in the tender document.

A summary of the evaluation criteria follows:

Tendered Price - 50%

Capability & Capacity to Undertake Work - 30%

Commitment to Quality & Sustainability - 5%

Timeframes - 15%

Recommended option and justification

Following a comprehensive evaluation process as detailed in Confidential Attachment 1, the tender evaluation panel are unanimous in their decision to recommend the tender from COMMERCIAL AQUATICS AUSTRALIA (VIC) PTY LTD for a total contract sum price of \$1,042,505.00 exclusive of GST.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

\$1.2M of renewal funding has been secured to deliver this project in the 2024-25 Council budget. The nature of the project warrants no ongoing operational costs. Works are expected to commence and finish within the 2024-25 budget cycle, with an expected works duration of April-May 2025. There are no suitable grant opportunities to submit this project for external funding consideration. No future bids for funding are required to deliver this project.

The recommended course of action represents the best value for money, taking into account costs, inputs, outputs, benchmarking and consultation results.

APPLICABLE PLANS AND POLICIES

The delivery of this project is closely aligned with the following strategic objectives of the Council Plan 2021-25:

Connected and Healthy Communities: Communities are safe, resilient, healthy, inclusive and socially well connected. Quality services are accessible to everyone.

Quality Infrastructure and Liveable Places: Quality facilities and infrastructure meets current and future needs. Places are well planned and are hubs of activity that foster wellbeing, creativity and innovation.

Furthermore, this project delivers on Council's Aquatics Strategy by:

- Providing accessible, affordable, safe, and inclusive aquatic and leisure facilities that support diverse participation opportunities and key programming needs.
- Providing environmentally sustainable and universally designed aquatic and leisure facilities including adapting to climate change.

RELEVANT LAW

Not applicable

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

Economic Implications

Delivering this project will ensure that the community pool at Yarra Centre is positioned for long-term success and visitations by members and casual swimmers. This will ensure that all work including the quality and standard of all workmanship, materials and systems shall be in full compliance with all relevant Australian Standards and Statutory Regulations, meaning it is highly likely we will avoid costly closures of the facility in the future as a result of faulty pool lining.

Social Implications

The Yarra Centre plays a vital role in building an active and healthy community, as well as a space for people to connect and socialise. Investing in the facility through this project will ensure the facility remains available to deliver these social impacts on a long-term basis.

Environmental Implications

The new pool lining that will be delivered through this project will eradicate the issue of ongoing water leaks in the Yarra Centre Swimming Pool. The entire project is linked to water efficiency.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Council has consulted our Aquatic service partner Belgravia leisure, in regard to the work scheduling. April and May was considered to be the least impact for the pools closure, Council and Belgravia leisure will jointly communicate to all user groups and members once approval has been granted.

COLLABORATION, INNOVATION AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

No collaboration with other Councils, Governments or statutory bodies was sought.

RISK ASSESSMENT

A full risk assessment was undertaken prior to the public tender. The successful contractor is bound by the measures that are identified in the risk assessment, which covers off on risks that are specifically linked to the project, including Manual Handling, Slips/Trips and Noise. Throughout project delivery, Council's Project Manager will continue to assess and log any risk related items in accordance with the project risk assessment.

The risk assessment developed for this project was done in partnership between Project Management and Council's Contract Compliance Officer.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No officers and/or delegates acting on behalf of the Council through the Instrument of Delegation and involved in the preparation and/or authorisation of this report have any general or material conflict of interest as defined within the *Local Government Act 2020*.

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

1. CT7485 Tender Evaluation Report