

Draft Aquatic Facilities Review

Community Engagement Summary - Public Notice Stage

26 August to 27 September 2026

Shellharbour CITY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW

15
Community contributions

180
File downloads draft review

1,666
Let's Chat page views

WHAT WE ASKED

We invited the community to share feedback on the Draft Aquatic Facilities Review. The review went to the August council meeting and was placed on public exhibition for community notice, to give residents the final opportunity for feedback.

Feedback was collected through:

- Let's Chat submissions
- Email submissions

WHAT WE HEARD:

Majority of contributors were located in the Warilla area with others from Shellharbour and surrounding areas.

Warilla Pool reduced hours

60% of respondants expressed concern around the reduced hours of Warilla pool.

THEMES

The community were asked to provide further feedback, these were the key themes:

- Warilla Pools facilities
- Entry Price of Warilla Pool
- Overcrowding at Oak Flats
- Heated Pools & Aquatics Centre
- Increase Pool Open Season/Hours
- Reduced hours are less accessible
- Limited Lane Availability
- Pools difficult to access via Public Transport
- Oak Flats closed on Sundays

Through community feedback, these suggestions and concerns were expressed across these key themes:

Warilla Pool facilities

- Entry price too high for the facilities that are there.
- Heating the pool or aquatics centre to attract more people.
- Increase the open season in exchange for reduced hours.
- Moving swim programs to Warilla to activate Warilla pool.

Lane Availability

- Posting live lane availabilities online.
- Moving swim programs to minimise overcrowding at popular pools.

Overcrowding

- Extend seasons.
- Share programs across pools.
- Extend hours at Albion park.
- Sunday access for Oak Flats.