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Ginggin Aquatic Centre Reopens with Newly Retiled Pool and Solar Heating

The Ginggin Aquatic Centre officially reopened on Saturday 15 October for the 2016-17 summer season to celebrate the completion of the pool's retiling and solar heating project.

The Department of Sport and Recreation, who originally contributed to the construction of the pool back in 2004, has once again provided funding for tiling of the pool bowl which was needed due to failure of its painted vinyl lining. Many resurfacing options were considered by the Shire, however it was decided the tiling method would provide the most cost effective, long term solution (approximately 25 years). The cost to tile the pool was \$470,000 of which \$156,000 was DSR funded.

Solar heating has also been installed at a cost of \$50,000 with contributions from the Federal Government's *Stronger Communities Program* (\$20,000) and the Ginggin Aquatic Club Inc (\$14,000). The solar heating will keep the pool heated to a comfortable ambient outside temperature.

Dignitaries to the opening included the Honourable Christian Porter MP Federal Member for Pearce and Minister for Social Services, the Honourable Martin Aldridge MLC, and Empire Oil and Gas Operations and Engineering Manager John Mastrocinque.

This will be the Ginggin Aquatic Centre's 13th season as provider of water-based activities such as VacSwim, in-term swimming lessons, swimming carnivals, aqua aerobics, and the Virtual Rottnest Swim, with patronage coming from throughout the Ginggin Shire, as well as out of district locations such as Bullsbrook, Bindoon and Moora. The aquatic centre is also home of the Ginggin Triathlon, now in its fourth year.

The tiling works have given the pool a fresh new look making it an even better place for the community to cool off and socialise during the hot summer months. More than 185,000 patrons have come through the gate since 2004.

The Ginggin Aquatic Centre is a Waterwise facility.

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