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5.8.2022

Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Dept of Environment and Science

HRN650278

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is [REDACTED]. I was born in Bundaberg in 1938, the third son of [REDACTED]. My [REDACTED] parents are [REDACTED]. Three years after me our sister [REDACTED] was born. I went to South State School [REDACTED] and I used to swim at the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths in Quay St. At the time the pool was 33 1/3 yards long.

Rosemary and I were coached by Mr Tom McIntyre. He was a hard task master but with his help my times in the pool rapidly improved so I kept at it for a number of months. In freestyle, my time over 33 yards went from 30 seconds to 23 seconds.

It was a place for recreation too. The crowds at the pool were always big. They were exciting times. Through swimming we met a circle of friends. It was a very social activity.

While the original baths were upgraded to an Olympic pool we went to swim in the Gregory River. Some people call it the Elliott River, but it's not. The coaches set out a pool in the river with logs for starting blocks either end and ropes with cork floats to mark the lanes.

Before we went training in the morning, my mother would make me eggs on toast for breakfast. One morning the session was a very hard one. First there were the kicking drills, then the swimming. When I was ready to get out, Mr McIntyre said, "Another 5!" When that was done I got out of the baths and vomited up the eggs. That was the end of my swimming career. I decided at 14 that there was no future in it for me.

[REDACTED] Rosemary stuck with it. She quickly became the best in Bundaberg. She was swimming further afield in places like Brisbane. My [REDACTED] were her fervent supporters, particularly my [REDACTED] who was very involved at the Bundaberg. I remember that Tom McIntyre, her coach, employed [REDACTED] the latest methods including a callisthenics program at the Gordon Club, and dietary supplements to maximise her performance. When Rosemary was at her peak she could swim one length of the 33 yard pool in eight strokes.

[REDACTED] we were all very proud of Rosemary and accepted that there were sacrifices that had to be made by us all for her to progress. I was very interested in technical drawing and came home from school one day to discover that the pine top of my draftsman's table had been cut in half to make Rosemary a kick board. Her need was apparently greater than mine. I laugh about it now - that was when I gave up my dream of becoming an architect.

In 1960 Rosemary recorded the world record for the 110yd breaststroke in the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool and the 220yd at Tobruk Memorial Pool in Townsville. Rosemary was the first Queensland woman to hold a world record and she swam for Australia at the Olympic Games in Rome. Her pet distance was the 100m breaststroke. Unfortunately that event wasn't on the program in Rome and she had to swim 200m. She didn't make the final. She won a silver medal in the medley relay with Dawn Fraser, Jan Andrew and Marilyn Wilson.

This wasn't on TV and I had to rely on the news of this from my family, newspapers or radio. Rosemary was very well known in Australia in those times and I was often asked if I was Rosemary Lassig's [REDACTED]

After the Olympic Games Rosemary retired from swimming. I met up with her in Sydney where she was rehearsing a water follies show which had been written about her. The first performance was in Newcastle and it was a flop, so Rosemary returned to Brisbane to work at McWhirters in the makeup section.

Rosemary moved to Sydney and my son remembers visiting her there. She had a trophy cabinet full of memorabilia - trophies and medals. He asked about her silver medal and Rosemary said, "Would you like to hold it?" She opened the cabinet and took it out. [REDACTED] remembers that it was much smaller than he expected but that it was very heavy to hold

Australia recognised her achievements in the year 2000. Rosemary ran in the Torch Relay through Sydney for the Sydney Olympic Games. I was there to watch her as was [REDACTED] Category B, Rosemary's good friend and the [REDACTED] Category B of her coach, Tom McIntyre. Rosemary felt that she felt it was the first time that this country acknowledged the athletes from past eras. Her name is also on the Sydney Olympic Park's Path of Champions.

Rosemary's achievements are astounding when you consider where she grew up. She was in the little town of Bundaberg, training under a coach who couldn't swim and went on to hold two world records and represent Australia at the Olympic Games.

That pool and the people involved in it made it possible for her to achieve what she did. And it made others realise that they could go on to do the same. Rosemary's legacy to the sporting culture of this city and state is powerful and I believe that The Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool should be protected for the future generations by heritage listing it.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Dept of Environment and Science

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Heritage Listing of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool

I was born in Bundaberg in 1932. I have just celebrated my 90th birthday. My parents, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] escaped of the Catastrophe of Asia Minor in 1922, emigrating to the s

[REDACTED] came to Bundaberg and established the Cafe Royal and the Elite Cafe in [REDACTED] r was one of four brothers and was determined to make a good life for his family here. We lived above the Cafe Royal in Bourbong St. My two sisters and I went St Joseph's Catholic Primary School and I went on to Christian Brothers College where I was taught to swim in the small pool at the back.

My father was determined that we would be involved in all the sport and culture that was on offer in the town. As immigrants he wanted us to integrate and succeed. I played football, soccer, skated, learnt the violin, sailed, was in lifesaving and joined the scouts.

I belonged to First Bundaberg Scouts Club. I joined when I was 11. The hut was in Burrum St near the Fish Board. Our Scout Master was Henry Walker. Tom Grohn was Assistant Scout Master. Scout from all around the district met at the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths for swimming carnivals every year. I went on to become a Scout Master of Second Bundaberg which I did for 15 years. That Scout Hut still sits on Elliott Heads Rd and the club operates from there. We built it ourselves. I taught scouts to swim in the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool and they continued to participated in the annual carnival. Part of their training was also resuscitation which I was trained in through lifesaving.

Many people belonged to several clubs in the town and their knowledge and expertise was shared across organisations.

As a lifesaver, we did fitness training at Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. I have many memories from those days - the Grier girls who were all great swimmers, Ron Corrigan, who I went to Christian Brothers College with who was a beautiful diver (there were two diving boards at the baths then) and the Mercantile Relay which was a very popular annual handicap race.

When [REDACTED] and I married and had children, they learnt to swim at "the pool". They walked around [REDACTED] school for their lessons. All four of them swam well. [REDACTED] the eldest was a good athlete. She was a good backstroke and also followed in my foots [REDACTED] becoming a lifesaver. [REDACTED] swam and once beat Michele Pearson when she was 12. Michele went on to swim for alia at Olympic Games and won medals. [REDACTED] gave swimming away but I do love to tell that story. [REDACTED] also swam.

The kids belonged to The Bundaberg Swimming Club. On club nights, [REDACTED] could walk them to the pool. She didn't drive in those days. They competed against swimm [REDACTED] of their age group and were very proud when they set "PB's" or club or pool records. [REDACTED] also competed in state championships. They remember some famous swimmers and athle [REDACTED] coming to the pool - Dawn Fraser, Shane Gould, and champion swimmer and Olympic basketballer Larry Sengstock who was from Maryborough.

Category B [redacted] ran the Cafe Royal and in summer time the four kids went to the pool everyday pool holidays. It was well supervised by Rita and Bill Pearson, and they could all swim. It was a very different era, when we could let them walk to the pool, play with their friends all day, and then walk back. Our shop was only two blocks away.

Many the kids in Bundaberg did this. The pool was always crowded and everyone knew each other. This was a ritual for our kids and for families all across Queensland.

The Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool has been a part of my life and my family's life since the 1930's. I believe its history is mirrored in towns and cities across Queensland and Australia. It deserves to be heritage listed as it is an important part of our social and sporting history and our culture.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 August 2022 4:19 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Ref HRN 650278 ANZAC Pool Memorial Bundaberg

To: Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Dept Environment and Science  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Executive Officer,

On behalf of 4 generations of my family, we want to see the Bundaberg ANZAC Pool become Heritage listed.

This pool has soul, character, a special history in shaping Bundaberg's community. It is a sacrilege that it has not been maintained by our elected officials who are out of touch with our residents, our residents who simply cannot afford a \$70-100 million dollar redevelopment on the location. It deserves to be protected.

With a grandfather who served in WW2, a brother and cousins who have served in the military, this land that was gifted by the RSL and the consequent pool should stay. We have a long history with being involved in swimming clubs, carnivals, hosting visiting families from many other cities who all remember this pool. We've had birthday parties and special friendships that are forged for life because of our experiences at the 'town' pool.

My siblings and I have been coached by legends of Australian swimming, including Lawrie Lawrence, Shane Gould and Steve Holland to name a few. The 'City of Charm' carnival ran here for many years, with my mother being on the organising committee and walking thousands of laps refereeing. So many Olympians and Australian champions have this pool to thank for their success and journeys.

We also have it on our old home movies with the loco going past the wading pool!

Bundaberg is a coastal city with extensive beaches. Children have learnt to swim, schools have their swimming programs, Lifesavers have trained, aquarobics, underwater hockey and water polo, a place for many to swim and improve necessary water skills. The pressure if this pool can't be re-purposed will be devastating to Bundaberg. Schools and groups may have to stop programs because there is no time to fit them all in.

Heritage listed ANZAC pools in other cities are icons of their respective communities. Bundaberg could be a part of a Heritage Trail where our tourism would benefit for the many people who enjoy histories and stories of these iconic pools.

Our agriculture industry is still highly dependant on routes down Quay Street to get to Milliaquin Sugar Mill. The plan is to change this, but it will not happen quickly, maybe 10 -20 years if ever. New bridges need to be built, new roads. Why should the ANZAC Pool be the sacrificial lamb?

On behalf of the volunteers, carers, pensioners and rate payers who want this pool to stay, we appreciate your work on this application. We Pray for Success.

Warmest Regards,  
[REDACTED]

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Executive Officer,  
Heritage Branch  
Department Of Environment and Science  
[heritage@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage@des.qld.gov.au)  
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HRN650278

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is [REDACTED]. I am an indigenous man from the Ngarrindjeri Nation. I acknowledge the traditional owners of the land where I live. I joined the Australian Army in 1963 and served for 20 years. I did two tours of duty in Vietnam. Third Battalion, 12 Platoon, we fought in the Battle of Balmoral. One hundred and fifty of us against 5200 Vietcong and North Vietnamese. We dug in for one week. And all the while we were in those trenches we felt the spirits of the Anzacs with us - the men we looked up to.

Members of the Australian Defence Force have a connection with those who've gone before.

This pool means something to veterans which is more than bricks and mortar and we will defend it for the generation of veterans who'll come next.

Please heritage list Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 6 August 2022 1:07 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** hrm 650278

I too wish to have the ANZAC POOL BUNDABERG HERITAGE LISTED.

This pool has so much significant meaning in the lives of Bundaberg citizens. The name says it all, however it has been used in the lives of so many people.

This is where they had their swimming lessons, school competitions. I am 87 years old and this is where I, and my children had their lessons. For it to be taken away it will be a sad day for Bundabergians.

Above all, the pool has true meaning, ANZAC, for the soldiers lost in world war 1, there were many Bundabergians who gave their lives in that war.

PLEASE HELP.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 August 2022 5:32 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** HRN650278 Please save the Bundaberg ANZAC Memorial Pool.

To whom it may concern,

My name is [REDACTED] and I would like to support the Application for Heritage listing of the Bundaberg ANZAC Memorial Pool – HRN650279.

I grew up in Bundaberg, born there in 1961, but have been and remain a resident in Rockhampton since 1990. My earliest memory of our families connection with this pool, was when our father joined my 2 sisters and I, up to the Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club in the later years of the 60's. Dad was one of the Father coaches that would get us up at about 0530 to brave the cold mornings, and push us up and down the black line for about a mile, honing our stroke techniques and keeping us fit and healthy at the same time.

BASC as it was known, was 1 of 2 clubs in town, the other being Fairymead Swimming Club (FSC). Both clubs enjoyed a healthy rivalry, each thinking one better than the other, and a couple of times in the season, we would meet and "battle it out" for supremacy to see who got the champion club honours. These nights taught us all the values of a healthy competition, team camaraderie but most of all friendships that have lasted to this day.

As far as gaining Heritage listing for this pool, I Googled 'what qualifies a facility to be Heritage listed in Queensland'? The first paragraph "The Queensland Heritage is a list of places that have cultural heritage significance to the people of Queensland". I believe this description qualifies this pool, on the land it has sat on for 99 years, and been a part of many generations of fellow Bundaberg residents for this whole time.

Aside for some upgrades over those years, this pool has maintained its small town charm, far from being the blight on the town that some people feel it has become. I feel this pool could be upgraded if need be, while still maintaining its heritage appearance on the original buildings, as the Rockhampton City has done to their ANZAC Memorial Pool. This has given new life to the Rockhampton Swimming community, which I have also been a part of in the seniors and our children's swimming life, also building the steel work for the Rockhampton Memorial Pool upgrades.

The Bundaberg ANZAC Memorial Pool does have Historical significance attached to it, even without its name including one of the most historically significant names in this country, ANZAC, it has facilitated; learn to swim classes, club activities such as swimming, water polo, underwater hockey, fitness classes for all ages, SCUBA lessons and produced Olympic and commonwealth competitive level swimmers, all in the heart of the town of Bundaberg.

It would be a tragic loss to the Bundaberg community, should council get their way and demolish this iconic facility. [REDACTED] was devoted to the town of Bundaberg through Lions, Meals on Wheels, Surf Lifesaving, being awarded his OAM for over 50 years of community service. He would be devastated if this pool was demolished, as I am sure generations before him and after him would be.

There is a growing number of the Bundaberg community and former residents like myself, all Queenslanders, that would love to see this facility that has been a significant part of each of their lives, Heritage listed. This would hopefully ensure its survival for future residents of Bundaberg, to enjoy and make their own memories.

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 August 2022 10:06 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Heritage Listing Ref. No. HRN650278

BUNDABERG ANZAC MEMORIAL POOL

I write in support of the application for heritage listing of the Bundaberg ANZAC Memorial Pool Ref. HRN650278.

I feel passionately about this listing to preserve the above mentioned pool on several grounds.

It is a pool that was built to heal physically and emotionally returned soldiers after World War I and to commemorate and remember them and those who fought and died in World War II and subsequent wars. I am proud of this history and identify with it as I have three uncles who fought in Papua New Guinea.

It is a pool that has facilitated the water safety of countless children by way of swimming lessons. This in turn contributed largely to a fit and healthy community bonded by recreational and competitive swimming.

[REDACTED], Tom McIntyre, was a coach in the ANZAC Memorial pool. As a result of the success over many years of his swimmers, the city of Bundaberg was well known state-wide and nationally. Tom taught to swim and coached Rosemary Lassig to the Rome Olympics. Just prior to the Games, Rosemary broke the world record for the 200m (yards in those days) breaststroke. Certainly a matter of heritage significance as I would be surprised if any other Queensland country town pool can boast of a world record by someone who learnt to swim and trained in the pool.

Most importantly, many generations have expressed their fond memories of their swimming days in the ANZAC Pool, how much this played in their personal development and their desire for this to continue.

It is a pool that has largely contributed to the community spirit for which Bundaberg is so well known. Generation after generation have expressed their lasting memories of their swimming days and this bond and love of the pool continues.

It is for these reasons we cannot lose such a unique ANZAC significance and a pool that resonates strongly in individual and family lives.

[REDACTED]  
Sent from my iPad



Heritage



Department of Environment and Science  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE Q 4001

Email: heritage @des.qld.gov.au

Dear

**Re: Nomination of the Anzac Park Memorial Pool, Quay Street, Bundaberg (650278) to QHR**

The supports the entry of the Anzac Park Memorial Pool, Quay Street, Bundaberg (650278) on the Qld Heritage Register for the following reasons:

The nomination is well prepared and comprehensive, and the Statements of Significance demonstrate the pool's status as a war memorial, its connection with the rise in popularity of recreational and competitive swimming in the 1950s and '60s, its aesthetic qualities, its intactness as a swimming complex, and its connection to the Bundaberg community.

In particular, the open-air change rooms by architects Cook and Kerrison are unusual in providing privacy while the split gable roof gives the health advantage of fresh air. Cook and Kerrison was an architectural firm established in Brisbane in 1939 with projects in Brisbane and regional Queensland and provided Karl Langer with his initial employment on arrival from Vienna.

The intactness of the complex is also important, combining the site of an earlier memorial pool with a replacement pool, changing rooms, a later residence by the same architects, and an avenue of memorial palm trees.

Regards,



[Redacted]  

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 4:27 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Anzac Park Memorial Pool, HRN: 650278  
**Attachments:** Anzac Park Memorial Pool\_HRN 650278.pdf

Dear Chief Executive,

My submission to support the inclusion of Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths) in the Queensland Heritage Register is attached.

Best,

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**8 August 2022**

Executive Officer, Heritage Branch  
Department of Environment and Science  
GPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**Re: Submission to support the inclusion of Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths) in the Queensland Heritage Register.**

**HRN: 650278**

Dear Chief Executive,

I am writing in support of the application for Anzac Park Memorial Pool in Bundaberg to be included in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place.

I strongly believe the Memorial Pool satisfies the cultural heritage criteria as outlined in the application, in particular Criterion A (important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history), Criterion D (important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places), Criterion E (important because of its aesthetic significance), and Criterion G (has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group).

As someone who was born in Bundaberg, the city centre and riparian precinct are special for me personally. They are a childhood landmark – not only aesthetically, as an iconic architectural presence, but also as a popular meeting place and welcoming recreation facility for the community.

While back in Bundaberg recently, I favourably renewed my association with the city. I encouraged the persons I was meeting with to nominate the Anzac Park Memorial Pool for inclusion in the Queensland Heritage Register, as I believe it is a place of cultural heritage significance that deserves appropriate recognition and protection.

The original architects, Cook & Kerrison, were a significant Queensland practice who had an on-going association with Bundaberg. The same firm employed pioneering Modern architect Karl Langer after he arrived in Queensland from Vienna until private practice ceased during World War II. Langer's later St John's Lutheran Church is another Bundaberg landmark. The buildings are significant and reflect the important post-WW II transfer of ideas from California to Queensland.

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The Memorial Pool is an important example of post-World War II utilitarian war memorial architecture, serving a dual purpose of commemoration and recreation. It also reflects the increased popularity of swimming in this period. The Pool features many intact mid-century modern motifs, including breeze blocks, angled balcony balustrades and cream brick with teal trims. The open-air change rooms create a strong connection to the elements and reflect the essence of subtropical Queensland architecture. Its form, style and layout demonstrate the principal characteristics of a post-war memorial pool complex.

The inclusion of the Memorial Pool in: John Macarthur, Deborah Van Der Plaat, Janina Gosseye and Andrew Wilson (eds), *Hot Modernism: Queensland Architecture 1945–1975* (2015) on pages 254–55, is indicative of its importance. Hot Modernism was a major research project carried out in the School of Architecture at The University of Queensland and funded by the Australian Research Council, which also resulted in a major exhibition and an interactive on-line database, the Digital Archive of Queensland Architecture.

The Memorial Pool has a strong and special association across generations of local community, serving as both a meeting place for families and a training facility for competitive swimmers, including swimmers who have gone on to compete at the Olympics, Paralympics and Commonwealth Games. It is also an important place to the community as a living war memorial, with commemorative plaques and restful landscaping that promotes pause and reflection.

The proposed demolition and relocation of the Memorial Pool undermines what the Bundaberg Regional Council is seeking to achieve. Protecting the heritage-significant Pool would help to preserve the site's architectural and cultural integrity, and allow a continued, deep connection between the community and our Australian and New Zealand soldiers, through the living Anzac memorial.

I believe the Council would achieve far more if it put time and resources into sensitively caring for and working with existing significant structures such as the Memorial Pool.

I strongly support Anzac Park Memorial Pool's nomination for inclusion on the Queensland Heritage Register. It is a special place of architectural and cultural heritage significance, and it is vital that the Pool receives the recognition and protection that it deserves.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 10:59 AM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Submission to support Heritage Listing of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool HRN650278  
**Attachments:** Submission to Heritage Committe HRN650278.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my submission letter to support Heritage listing of our pool.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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4th August 2022

Executive Officer,  
Heritage Branch  
Department Of Environment and Science  
[heritage@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage@des.qld.gov.au)

HRN650278

Dear Executive Officer,

I am writing in support of heritage listing and preservation of the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool.

Though I didn't reach great heights, I learnt to swim in the "Pool". It was the only one then.

I am a native of Bundaberg. All of my ancestral lines go back to the European pioneers of the region. Like many, I have relatives who fought in WW1 and subsequent conflicts. Some didn't return. The 99 year history of the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths, now Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool represents a direct and tangible link to the Anzacs of our region and our ancestors.

It also encompasses a proud swimming heritage.

I cannot think of any place in our city with so many links from the Anzac era to today.

For the veteran community, Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool represents a place of great spiritual significance. A friend of mine, a First Nations Vietnam veteran told me recently how the Anzac spirit was always close by him in Vietnam and helped sustain him emotionally especially in times of combat.

This spirit stays close to his heart today. He swims at the pool regularly. Needless to say this man is insulted at the prospect of the pool being demolished.

I attend Anzac Day at the adjacent Anzac Park site each year and it is my observation that the Anzac tradition is taking on increasing spiritual significance for many in our community.

The original baths and subsequent memorial pool were built to honour all who served and in particular remember those who didn't return. For families who lost a loved one overseas, this memorial was critical to their mourning. It also provides

for rehabilitation and recreational for returned soldiers and the public. Both purposes are just as relevant today.

The fact that the baths were funded by public subscription emphasises the amount of support at the time of construction. After discussions recently with people from many walks of life I believe the appreciation for the Anzac's gesture is just as strong today.

I have worked in Bundaberg as an orthopaedic surgeon for the last 24 years. In this time I have treated many returned servicemen. Sadly, mental health problems are an ongoing battle for many.

Some of the veterans I know and treat exercise at the Anzac pool. The therapeutic benefits of exercise, sunlight and immersion in cold water on mental health are now well documented in the psychiatric literature.

I contend that passing the Anzac memorial foundation stone on the wall at the pool entry must also help sustain the spirit.

I recommend to some of my veteran patients to use Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool for post op or post injury rehab. The setting of this pool - a quiet space with traditional, familiar surrounds, a site of great historic and spiritual significance - represents an ideal place of recreation and rehabilitation for the veteran community. Indeed, a good proportion of the general community also favour this facility for the same reasons.

It is centrally located in the CBD and thus easily accessible to many of the community including those reliant on public transport. The heritage value of this site would be of special interest to visitors to the city.

I strongly favour heritage listing of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool and petition the Queensland Heritage Council to add it to their list.

Yours sincerely,





[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 12:49 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Submission for Anzac Memorial Pool HRN650278  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/ Madam

Please find attached a submission from a concerned local group, Friends of the Anzac Memorial Pool, in support of placing Bundaberg's Anzac Memorial Pool on the Qld Heritage Register.  
An acknowledgement of receipt of this submission is requested.

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]

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Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Department of Environment and Science  
8<sup>th</sup> August 2022

HRN650278

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find attached a submission from the "Friends of the Anzac Memorial Pool", in support of adding Bundaberg's Anzac Memorial Pool to the Qld Heritage register.

This submission takes the form of a document made up of the comments of 29 people from the newly established group which is dedicated to preserve Anzac Pool for Future generations.

Comments support:

- \*the special significance of its history to the community, the State and the Nation;
- \*its strong association with the Bundaberg community for social, competitive and recreational reasons;
- \*its aesthetic significance...its iconic calm presence features!

The comments, often strongly raw, were gathered from the Friends of the Anzac Memorial Face Book page, with permission.

In closing, on behalf of the 386 Friends of the Anzac Memorial Pool, I strongly urge you to help our community preserve Bundaberg's Anzac Memorial Pool and take steps to list this local, state and national treasure on the Qld Heritage register.

Yours sincerely

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### Comments from Friends of Anzac Memorial Pool in support of Heritage Listing.

My earliest memories of ANZAC Pool go back to my early secondary school days in Bundaberg after joining the local Australian Army Cadets and beginning to understand the remarkable reality that the ANZAC Pool was a memorial highlighting the sacrifice and service that so many men and women made for our freedom including my father. This significant pool is where I attended in my youth and cherish those memories. My journey of serving this great country for the past 25 years, officiating in each and every ANZAC Day Dawn Service and marched on many occasions. This ANZAC Pool is a part of the concrete memories that remain to remind all who serve and served of the appreciation from our society that their service and sacrifice remains important and appreciated by today's society. Let this memorial live on to serve as another reminder that peace and freedom comes at a price paid by others.

ANZAC pool

An iconic landmark of Bundaberg, beloved to many over the years and currently. The lap swimmers, the triathletes, the learn to swimmers, the water aerobicians, all love and value this pool. As a lap swimmer, it's part of my mental health strategy and work life balance, the birds overhead, the beautiful location, and the swimming calm after work. I'm sad beyond measure that we could lose it.

I remember walking to the Anzac Pool from Central State Primary School for our school's swimming lessons. This was also the venue for Bundaberg State High School's Swimming Carnival. Not only are there many fond memories of this pool but, more importantly, it was built in memory of the ANZACS. I support its heritage listing.

The Anzac Memorial Pool means so much to so many. The pool has been part of any child who was raised in Bundaberg, we all have great memories of fun & friendships we made there.

A city that holds on to its history through the preservation of its historical buildings and facilities does not lose its individuality nor its true identity. The Anzac Memorial Pool is one facility that has been significantly important in the history of Bundaberg and its surrounding communities. It is a reminder of fun times for many in this community- fun times spent with friends and families, times spent in friendly competition with swim clubs from other districts, times spent pursuing fitness. The Anzac Memorial Pool is also a reminder to us of the heroic sacrifice made by so many of our community during the wars. It has been and should continue to be an integral part of the Bundaberg streetscape. It deserves to be recognised as the historically significant facility that it was until its closure and with bold design and a commitment by our council to preserving our unique streetscape and history it deserves to continue to be a valued feature of Bundaberg long into the future.

I think it's important to the people who use it and it's so attractive on the banks of the Burnett River. It's important to preserve the charm of Bundaberg.

I would like say on behalf of my 3 siblings and parents, what a tragedy it will be if this wonderful Anzac Legacy is demolished and lost to ALL who will come after us. Only our fond memories of early morning and late afternoon swimming training sessions will survive.

I would like to see the ANZAC pool preserved (and if necessary integrated as part of the upgrades planned.) We need to remember that this pool was built as a memorial acknowledging the sacrifice of those brave men and women who fought for our freedom. Historical structures need to be preserved for future generations, not disregarded as "out of date".

My first memory of swimming in a "big pool". And as an adult to understand its origins and significance to the community makes that memory so special. I just hope that future generations don't have that opportunity taken away. Haven't we learnt how precious our cultural heritage is yet? Something new and shiny isn't always the right answer. Hoping this pool can be saved so I can bring my grandchildren to this wonderful landmark and piece of the tapestry that is our history.

We moved here in 1987 and it became a Saturday ritual for my husband to take our one and 4 year old to the pool. The older one was already a swimmer but the little one learned to swim in OUR TOWN POOL. While at school they used to be picked up by bus once a week for swimming lessons. I simply cannot see how they will accommodate all the schools in the existing pools of Bundaberg. It is essential this pool stays where it is. Not to mention the disrespect to the ANZACS who created this icon of Bundaberg.

The Anzac Memorial Pool is an extremely important and large part of our history. So many good and fond memories of spending time with family and friends. Learning to overcome my fear of diving off the high board. It is significantly important in the history of Bundaberg and its surrounding communities. The Anzac Memorial Pool has been and should continue to be recognised as a reminder to us of the heroic sacrifice made by so many of our community during the wars. I cannot understand why you would want to bury something instead of preserving something that is beautiful and special to so many and still is.

To destroy the Anzac Memorial Pool which has so much history and connection to our servicemen/women is a travesty. Please do the correct thing and save this pool for future generations 🙏

Growing up this pool was the only place to go. I am sure all the service men who the pool was named after would be very upset. My sister went to central school and they learnt how to swim there.

Please do not close or demolish the Anzac Pool. It is a beautiful asset to Bundaberg. We are residents for 17 years and it was one of the reasons we chose to settle here from Vic. It is steeped in history and somewhat of an oasis in the CBD. We need our POOL!!

Please save our Pool. The Anzac pool is an iconic part of Bundaberg, a place I learnt to swim, a beautiful landmark but most importantly a shrine dedicated to remembering the sacrifices our war heroes made for us. 🙏

The ANZAC Memorial Pool is a constant reminder to the community, of the sacrifices made by servicemen to give us the freedoms we enjoy today. It should not be demolished as this would show total disrespect to the fallen and their families. The pool is enjoyed by many people in the community, providing a tranquil spot for relaxation and reflection, a place of remembrance, which should be heritage listed, as it is historically significant in Bundaberg.

It would be sacrilege to destroy a memorial to those who fought for our country and especially for those who lost their lives in doing so.

It is a calm beautiful oasis

Anzac Pool holds a special place for our family. From the 70s onwards we spent endless hours at the pool, learning to swim, with younger siblings getting their feel for the water in the toddler pool. This pool was the heart of Fairymead SC and produced so many great swimmers, maybe because they could keep training even when other pool users were jumping off the diving boards and causing some big waves 😊. Anzac pool is iconic, when you used the change sheds the architecture always stand out, reminding you of the pools history, as does the close connection with the RSL club and memorabilia at the pools entrance. My mum who is in her 80s now took all 6 kids to swimming training here, she is hoping the pool which means so much to many in Bundy is saved. It's so important not to lose our history and to retain and upkeep heritage places such as the pool to remind us of our roots and why we are a lucky country.

Anzac Pool Matters!!!! Anzac Pool is Loved!!! Anzac Pool is Important to many in the community!!!

I have experienced the refurbishment of the Tobruk Pool. The Townsville City Council have done a great job (and the Bundaberg City Council could and should take "leaf out of their book" )

In the centre of the town centre, with its rushing, cars, people. How relaxing it was to spend lunch hours ploughing the lane!

My dad, as with so many others', fought in WW II. He returned home and was an RSL member for the rest of his life. He was a legatee, as well, to many widows and their children. These were children who lost their fathers fighting in the war. My dad was a strong community supporter and his personal ethos was to 'give back'. To remove the ANZAC Memorial Pool is a slap in the face to my dad and all the servicemen from all the wars in which Bundaberg men and women fought.

Anzac memorial Pool holds so many memories for me. Swimming in the wading pool when a toddler. Learning to swim in, what was then, the new 25 m pool. Having Bill encourage me to swim my first 50 m by placing me in the middle lane and from the shallow to deep end and then through the 70s many many training laps with the lovely man Tom and carnivals with many wonderful people and going the full circle teaching young kids how to swim still under Bill's guidance.

I have amazing memories of Anzac Memorial Pool. As youngsters we travelled from Childers to compete against the Bundy Clubs & in the City of Charm Swims. I still have the awesome medals we won. My sister [REDACTED] & a lot of the old ISIS swimmers will remember well the fun times we had & friendships we made. I pushed a 2 cent coin under one of the rafters in the dressing room & in recent years have check & it's still there!

Anzac Pool was there for me as I started my career in Bundaberg working in the media having moved to the town not knowing anyone. I met friends and was able to keep fit and reignite my passion for the water, as an Olympian, pools are so very special, but this one was especially so.

Not only did Anzac Pool provide me with the opportunity to keep fit, forget about my day's problems, I recall seeing many young kids train under some of QLDs best coaches and little ones learning to swim with their parents in this incredible facility. It was also an opportunity for the elderly to seek some solitude and exercise in a beautiful venue before a short walk to the RSL for a morning catch up. It was a much needed social outing for them.

One of the fondest memories for me at the pool was the 24 hour swim for the reef that was held at Anzac Pool, we raised money and awareness for the plight of the Great Barrier Reef. It was just incredible to see the community come together

So much good was done at Anzac Pool it saddens me to think how we cannot keep it open. This pool provides the community with so so much, surely there is a place for this incredible pool still...

Earliest memory I remember is going for a swim as a family. There was some sort of aeration/water feature as you walked in. Also a kiddies pool nearby.

Spent many mornings swimming up and down the pool with Bill Pearson throwing his thongs at anyone who was shirking! My whole family was involved in the Fairymead Swimming Club which had their meets there on Thursday nights. Luckily we were one year younger than Michelle Pearson! 😊

As we got older, at the end of the night, some of the parents would "duck next door" (the RSL) until closing time at 10 pm. Their kids would invade the Pearson's home above the pool office and shop or go for a swim in the darkened pools. My father, [REDACTED], was treasurer for the club for many years.

I remember one year at ANZAC pool there was a mercantile relay . Everyone had such a fun day. I competed in it with three of my friends what a great afternoon it was. Also with the Master swimmers we trained at ANZAC pool for many years.

My memories:

Learning a breaststroke kick on the old mini grandstand with Tom

Meeting so many wonderful people through Fairymead swimming club and bus trips to carnivals playing truth and dare!

Bill and Rita Pearson and of course the great athletes in Justin Lemberg, Jodi Leis, and Michelle Pearson

Rivers of Babylon off the high board, barbecues on Sunday evening with trivia where I could try to cheat with "TRAILIAS"

Aqua aerobics with Kez and learning last minute how to run a class

My memories of Anzac pool were riding my bike there EVERY school holiday from ages 8-12. I absolutely loved that pool. I'd bounce my way up and down the length of it, test my ability to hold my breath (width wise!) and queue for ages to bravely plummet from the high board.

My only regrettable memory is getting cute bikinis for Xmas, racing to the pool to show off, diving off the high board and having the strapless top end up around my waist and the knickers floating behind me. (The caretaker was unfortunately very diligent in maintaining the clarity of the water.) It took a lot of courage to return to the top for air as a crowd of hooting boys cheered.

I also remember:

1. Being nervous of Mr Pearson. He was for "serious" swimmers and didn't take any mucking around or nonsense of the rabble of country kids. We all knew he trained champions.
2. frozen red icy poles and lollies from the little shop. 15c bought a lot!
3. The far end near fence line, was for the older kids to mingle and flirt.
4. Parents with toddlers down the far end.
5. The hi jinx of the skilled divers as they leapt to impress. The lower board was for the average swimmer but the highboard was for SERIOUS attention getting.
6. Running to the dive boards, but not running, if you know what I mean. The terrifying triangle painted on the concrete from a running (?) accident was an obvious testament to the dangers. 🤔

I learnt to swim in the Anzac Pool. We would come in on the bus from Kalkie School. We would change and shower before getting in the water and then have about 30 mins to learn to swim. I can remember the wonderful swimming carnivals with Kepnock State High... I was never a swimmer but I was a great cheer leader. Wonderful memories... wonderful history. Please keep the pool and refurbish and it will always be a wonderful attraction ... retain Bundaberg's history.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 11:07 AM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Submission to support Heritage listing of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. HRN650278  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

Good morning,

Please find my submission letter attached.

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Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Dept of Environment and Science  
8.8.2022

HRN650278

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to urge the Queensland Heritage Council to enter Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool on the heritage register.

The application provides strong justification for doing so.

It's historical value is very strong. My mother was the youngest child of a WW1 veteran. Her father enlisted in the AIF in 1917 when the news came that his brother had been killed in action at Messines. Joe wrote to his wife Annie from France to say that he'd met the boys who were with his brother when he died. He said, "You know poor Ted did his bit and I will do mine as well". Joe left his family behind to join the First Australian Tunnelling Company serving in the mud and carnage of the Western Front.

Joe made it home to Australia but died as a result of his service. Annie died 6 weeks before him and five children became orphans. My mother was 4. The devastating effects of the service of these men rippled through families for generations. Unimaginable for many of us but sadly the same stories are true for veterans now.

To think that the returned soldiers of Bundaberg chose to make a swimming pool their commemoration and their legacy is both astounding and glorious. This was a generous gift to the soldiers and the town, when such things were very uncommon, especially in a small place like Bundaberg. The Baths were a place for people to enjoy themselves when there was not much joy to be had.

The foundation stone laid by The Angel Of Durban, Ethel Campbell, in 1923 sits in the wall beside the front gate. It says "Erected to the Memory of Those who Fought in the Great War 1914-1918." Next year there will have been swimming in an Anzac Memorial pool on that site for 100 years. I am unable to find another memorial pool in Australia that is equivalent.

Over a century, the social value becomes immeasurable. I have had an interest in local history all of my life and am overwhelmed by the strength of the community's attachment to what we now call Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. There are many seniors who have swum in both pools - the one built by the Anzacs - The Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths - and the Olympic pool that it was increased to in 1956 - The Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. Thousands have learnt to swim there, trained, and competed: we've had a world record set and produced Commonwealth Games and Olympic medalists. More over, people tell me over and over again that it's where friendships were made that have lasted a life time and bridged miles from one side of the world to the other.

You have to have lived this to understand the significance of that place in people's hearts. Ex-Bundaberg people from all over Australia have contacted me. I've had messages at 2.00am from Dubai and The Isle of Wight expressing outrage that this pool could be demolished.

Another point to note is the number of people in their 80's and 90's who've been prompted to act, at a time in their lives when they'd not normally take up a cause. They appreciate the historical and social value of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool and want it to be saved.

Further to the social value of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool is the activity in mainstream media and on social media - so many people taking to it in support. Local radio and news outlets have been at times been overwhelmed by the response to stories. The local ABC radio station had never had such a reaction as they did in early June when listeners phoned and smsd their strong support to save the pool. When I called Ian McNamara, on ABC's Australia All Over, about our

Anzac Memorial being demolished he was obviously in despair. He said we'd gotten our message out to his audience of between 1 1/2 and 2 million people. A Facebook group "Friends of the Anzac Memorial Pool" set up has close to 400 members who all want the pool to be saved. They acted en mass when the call went out via Facebook to petition Minister Meaghan Scanlan to enact a stop demolition order. A supporter who was following Cameron Smith around the golf course at St Andrew's, Scotland took time away to send that email.

A series of history segments on local radio station 4BU have also been very well received.

We are all tired of the constant degradation of our city's heritage in the name of economic development. Bundaberg has lost so many of it's beautiful buildings and spaces. We're the city where things "used to be".

This pool connects us to our Anzac heritage, our sporting life and Queensland's outdoor culture. It is a time capsule in the middle of the city where we can step back in time as we walk past the wading pool where we first dipped our toes in, change in the dressing sheds of the 50's, exactly the same ones we used when we were 10 and had walked down from Central School for our swimming lesson, a fringed towel over around our necks, Stars and Stripes speedos under our uniforms. We can plunge off the blocks at the "eleven foot".

Gone are the diving boards - considered to dangerous nowadays. Also gone the red triangle on the cement - the reminder of the little boy who ran on wet cement, slipped, hit his head and died...

The Bundaberg Anzac Memorial pool is a living memorial, has been a hub of sporting and social activity for 100 years in 2023. It encapsulates local and Queensland history of the past century and deserves its place on the Queensland Heritage Register.

Yours sincerely,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 4:51 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** HRN 650278 - Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths), Bundaberg  
**Attachments:** [Redacted]

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Dear Sir/Madam

Please see attached letter and accompanying documents.

Kind regards  
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8 August 2022

Executive Officer, Heritage Branch  
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Via Email: [heritage@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage@des.qld.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam

**Heritage Register Number: HRN 650278**

- **Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' memorial Baths)**
- **Location: 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg QLD 4760**

I offer my strong support for the application for the entry of the Anzac Park Memorial Pool to be added to the Queensland Heritage register and respectfully ask for consideration on the following basis:

- **Introduction**
- **Photographs**
- **Traditions and Memories**
- **Important Criteria for consideration**
- **A time to return**

**Introduction:**

██████████ Rosemary Lassig (married name: Rosemary Lluka), an Olympic Silver Medalist and the holder of two former World Records. Not only did Rosemary train in the abovenamed pool under the coaching of Bundaberg's, Tom McIntyre ("Mr Mac"), Rosemary set a World Record in this very pool:

- Rosemary was born in 1941 in Bundaberg and lived in Bundaberg until 1961 when she moved to Brisbane and in 1980 moved to Sydney, passing away in 2017.
- A short summary of Rosemary's achievements:
  - **Silver Olympic Medal – 1960 Olympics in Rome**
    - Rosemary swam the Breaststroke leg for the 4/110yd Medley Relay Team, fellow members comprising of Dawn Fraser, Jan Andrew, Marilyn Wilson
  - **World Records**
    - Set in the Anzac Park Memorial Pool: Individual World Record – 110yd Breaststroke on 07/01/1960
    - Set in the Townsville Tobruk Memorial Baths: Relay World Record – 4 x 110y Medley Relay on 04/08/1960
  - Australian Swimming Title Medals:
    - 7 gold, 8 Silver, 5 Bronze
  - Queensland Swimming Title Medals:
    - 30 Gold, 6 Silver, 5 Bronze

### Photos Attached:

- Rosemary at the Anzac Park Memorial Pool in 1960 wearing her Olympic Swimming Team swimming costume
- A plaque dedicated to Rosemary at the Sydney Olympic Park, Path of Champions, unveiled for the Sydney 2000 Olympics.
- 1970 – taken at the Anzac Park Memorial Pool: [REDACTED]
- Rosemary wearing her Australian Olympic Games Blazer at an event for past Olympians in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Olympics.

### Traditions and Memories:

Anzac Park Memorial Pool was a part of Rosemary's core. During our regular trips to Bundaberg to visit family members, we would especially visit the Pool and history was shared. This continued into our adult life. I have a visit to Bundaberg booked for late August. Rosemary was always a proud country girl from Bundaberg.

### Important Criteria for consideration:

- Rosemary would not have achieved World recognition without having attended a country school that had regular swimming lessons. Rosemary was identified as having potential by a Bundaberg South Sports Mistress and went on to be coached by Tom McIntrye.
- In addition, having easy access to a local Olympic sized swimming pool. Rosemary would ride her bicycle to and from training. At peak training, three times a day.
- The ANZAC tradition: as time continues, the ANZAC tradition continues with our youth. This should be honoured and kept alive
- The Anzac Park Memorial Pool is an oasis of wellbeing to be preserved in a time when the community is striving to identify what in life is valuable.
- The architecture should be celebrated. The unique changerooms!

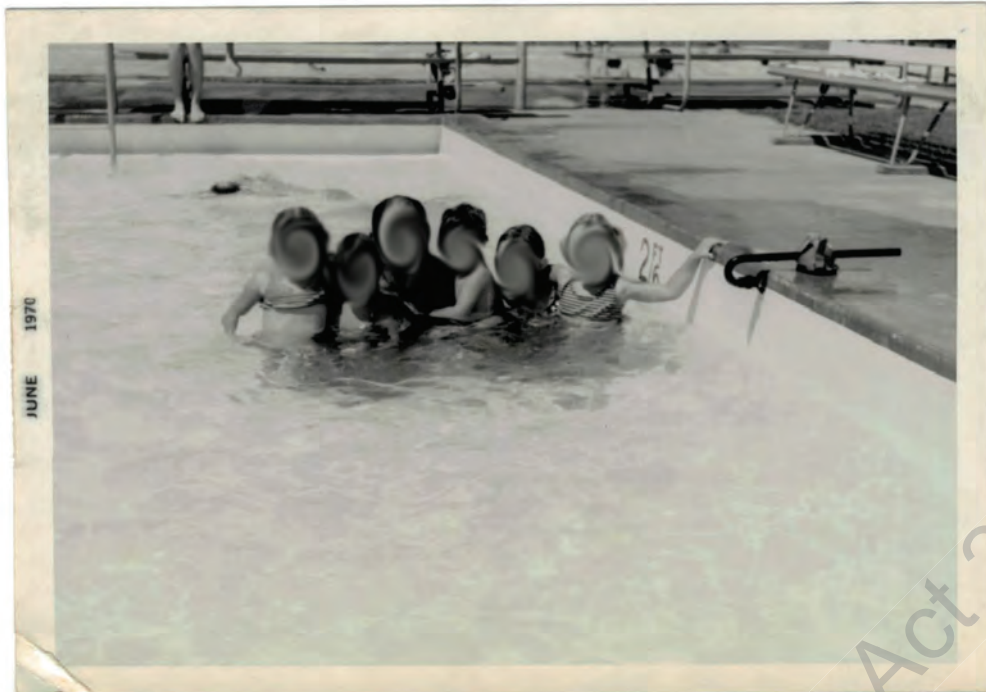
### A time to return

- It is time to bring a country girl home to Bundaberg. I will bring Rosemary's ashes with me to rest, on my visit to Bundaberg in late August.
- A quote by Brian Mullins, Sports Novels, February, 1961 (attached):
  - Even if her records become mere memories in the ever-changing record books, Rosemary, the individual, will always be remembered by thousands of fans who followed her career with the adulation, reserved only for class champions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]



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# WORLD-RECORD HOLDER RETIREES AT 19

WILL ROSEMARY LASSIG  
CHANGE HER MIND AND  
CONTINUE COMPETITIVE  
SWIMMING?

BY BRIAN MULLINS

**SHOCK** retirement of women's world 110 yards breast-stroke record holder Rosemary Lassig, at the start of the current swim season, was as sudden as her rise to international prominence.

At 19, the blonde-haired Bundaberg glamor girl felt thoroughly "browned off" following two years of solid competition and intensive training without let-up.

In common with most other stars of the swimming firmament, Miss Lassig found she could not maintain the pace required to hold her place in world swimming without giving up her private life completely.

However, so far this season she has kept up her interest with a number of exhibition swims in Brisbane (where she now lives) as well as in country centres.

World swimming standards, boosted so tremendously by Australian whizz kids over recent years, are fast growing into ogre proportions and demanding more and more from competitors as records fell as quickly as they are set up.

It has reached the stage when a swimmer is virtually in "has been" class at only 21 years.

Gone are the days of carefree competition when 19- and 20-year olders were acclaimed as having "future potential".

The time-honored suggestion of the old days—"Get 'em young and train

'em"—now has an answer—"They are too old, although still young".

Swimming is no longer another pastime. Although it still classifies as amateur sport, it's now a dedicated full-time profession without a doubt.

Miss Lassig is typical of the veterans-before-their-time swim brigade.

Rosemary hails from Bundaberg (who hasn't heard of its rum?), the home of many great sporting personalities. Cricketer Don Tallon, athlete "Buddy" Parker, and former Empire Games swimmer Jan Greir, are just a few Bundaberg products to make good.

So it's little wonder Miss Lassig had plenty of stimulus to go places in the aquatic world.

On January 8, 1960, at the Bundaberg Olympic Pool, Rosemary succeeded in an attempt at a new world 110 yards breast-stroke mark.

In a solo swim she coasted over two laps of the pool to clock a new time of 1 min 21.2 secs for the distance, and became the first Queensland woman ever to hold a world record.

Her brief stay at the top of international class commenced with this performance and ended at the Rome Olympics, where she teamed with other Aussie girls in a silver-medal-winning medley relay.

But to Queenslanders Rosemary had been a top star for more than five years.

Three times winner of the national 110 yards title and twice winner of the



Modest ROSEMARY LASSIG (above) last year became the first Queensland woman to ever officially hold a world swimming record. Rosemary is Australia's breaststroke star.

220 and medley national events over the past three years, Rosemary won 29 Queensland titles during her five-year reign on the local State scene.

She has come a long way since she finished fifth in the Australian junior title event at Adelaide in 1955, when she covered her pet distance in nearly 12 seconds slower time than her present world figures.

Miss Lassig first got serious about the water when she was 10. Under the eye of a swim mistress from the Queensland Education Department, Rosemary took up the sport at the South Bundaberg State school nine years ago.

In her first appearance at the State championships (at Brisbane in 1954) she competed in the under-12 50 metres freestyle, but floundered home unplaced.

Heartened by her showing, which was creditable considering her lack of experience, her coach Tom McIntyre (he's looked after her down the years) improved her to such an extent that Rosemary took out the 12 and under-13 age silver medal at the next Queensland titles.

In 1955 this versatile lass really started going places. At the State championships she won eight titles.

Of these, one (the Junior 200 metres medley) established a new Queensland record of 3 min 2.4 secs, whilst her times in other events — 13 and under-14 50 metres freestyle — 50 metres sub-junior breast-stroke, 100 metres junior freestyle—also set new race records.

At the same meet, she was a member of teams from her home club,



Bundaberg Ladies, which won the sub-junior 200 metres squadron and medley titles, both in race record times.

The night following the conclusion of these titles the State selectors met to name the Queensland team to the nationals in Adelaide, but Rosemary was not waiting expectantly for selection.

After the team was chosen Queensland administrative identity Jack Davis recalls that he rushed to Roma Street Station, where Rosemary and her friend Ann Stewart were about to entrain back home to "Bundy".

When he told them they had both made the State team for the first time the girls broke down and cried.

Rosemary was then only 13, whilst Ann, at 12, became the youngest local swimmer ever to win State selection.

At the following national titles Rosemary was not fast enough to hold the world famous southerners and finished well back, unplaced in three events.

Highlight of her next season in competition was her win in the State medley title in a new national clocking of 2 min 56.7 secs—more than five seconds faster than her State record of the previous year.

At the 1956 State titles Rosemary also annexed the 14 and under-15 50 metres freestyle, as well as the junior 100 metres breaststroke. Her time for the latter event, 1 min 23.1 secs, established a Queensland record and was slowly moving closer (although she did not dream it at the time) to her world record of today.

Down to the national titles again, this time in Sydney, and again Rosemary was unplaced in two events but showed the first glimpse of her coming greatness in finishing second in the 220 yards medley title.

The following year Rosemary, as expected, was well to the fore in State championships (she won four, two in Queensland record times, but could gain only a third out of starts in five separate events at the Australian championships at Canberra.

In 1958 she topped six State gold medals and her 1 min 23.6 secs for the 100 metres breaststroke established Australian and Queensland records.

A time of 2 min 50.5 secs in the 200 metres medley gave Rosemary another

Queensland record, with race records for two other events—50 metres country freestyle (30.4) and 100 metres country breaststroke (1 min 25.8 secs).

Then, at the next nationals (at Melbourne), she came into her own with a vengeance. She "pushed" her way over the 110 yards breaststroke and cruised through the 220 yards medley to win national titles for the first time, stopping the watches at 1 min 25.9 secs and 2 min. 52.2 secs respectively.

Then came the more recent and better-known history of her achievements.

She went on a record-breaking rampage at the 1959 State titles with five brilliant firsts, four of them setting new national records.

They were the 100 (1 min 22 sec) and 200 metres (2 min 57.1 secs) breaststroke; 200 medley (2 min 46 secs), doing still better in the Country 100

metres breaststroke with a new posting of 1 min 21.4 secs.

Following these performances she went to the national titles at Hobart and won a fine double, the 110 yards breaststroke (1 min 23.3 secs) and the 220 yards breaststroke (3 min 0.8 secs).

She was also the breaststroke "leg" in the title-winning Queensland team in the 440 yards relay.

Last year Rosemary contented herself with wins in the State 100 metres and 200 metres breaststroke and 200 metres medley. Her 200 breaststroke swim (2 min 56.6 secs) shattered her Australian record of a year earlier by a half-second.

Her medley time (2 min 44.8 secs) although good enough to better her old national times, was outside the existing best. However, it set a new Queensland record.

At the Australian championships in Sydney this

year Rosemary retained the 220 breaststroke title in even better national time of 2 min 57.7 secs.

In also retaining the 110 yards title, Miss Lassig missed her world record for the distance by only one second.

Although her friends feel Rosemary is now finished with top competition, she may get the urge to make a comeback. A long rest-up after her arduous pre-Olympic preparations may change her mind.

But even if we hear no more of her on the national scene, her name will still be remembered in years to come.

Even if her records become mere memories in the ever-changing record books, Rosemary the individual, will always be remembered by thousands of fans who followed her career with the adulation, reserved only for class champions.

## WHAT THE WINNING JOCKEY REALLY MEANT

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"He's a hard horse to run down once he gets in front." — What he meant was: "What a chump I was. I shoulda woke up the moment Charlie said to me 'You make the pace; I'll follow you to the turn and then Bingo.' They left me to it and I never had a cracker on him."  
"Well, he was overdue for a win, wasn't he?" — What he meant was: "Overdue? Why, this mule's been on the old age pension for years. I sure wouldn't like to smell his breath tomorrow morning."  
"I just flicked the whip at him and he did the rest." — What he meant was: "Sure I flicked it at him, just like I did on the track the other day when I had a jigger. He thought he was going to get it again and, wow, did he fly."  
"You could have knocked me over with a feather; I never knew he had it in him." — What he meant was: "For crying out loud, I'm four payments behind on the car, the mortgage is overdue, my punter wouldn't put a bob on him and I just had to sit there like a mug and let him win."  
"I knew I had it won at the three." — What he meant was: "He was pulling double at the three and I thought we'd cause a fall for sure. Then he spots this opening and rushes through like a bull at a gate. I was so glad that I didn't know we were in front until we reached the post."  
"He's all quality—a real Derby hope." — What he meant was: "This colt's not bad: maybe he'll pick up another race or two while the fields are so weak. This farmer chap who owns him slings pretty well, so why not butter him up a bit?"  
"He was unlucky last time and just got the breaks today." — What he meant was: "I wasn't game enough to do what I did with him last start, he was the hottest case I've ever handled; and they bet tens today! Where the heck's my punter."  
"I just had to sit on him—all the credit goes to the trainer." — What he meant was: "I haven't ridden a decent horse for months, so I'd better keep sweet with this mug. Maybe he'll give me a few more rides. I sure need the money."  
"He's all heart." — What he meant was: "If he's all heart then I'm all muscles. My arm will be stiff for a week the way I had to belt him out, and then he only made it by a lip."  
"He has to have everything his own way; he's not what you'd call a champion." — What he meant was: "Gee, what a boatrice. They waited for me and let me through on the turn, and even then he only just made it. If the stewards don't smell a rat I'll be surprised."  
"He'll win the Cup just as easily." — What he meant was: "He's only got seven stone in the Cup and I can't take the ride, so it's no skin off my nose one way or the other. Personally, I don't think a kid will be able to hold him."  
"He's not much good at a distance, and he was suited back at seven today." — What he meant was: "He's not much good at 4's and 5's but he's a lot better suited at 10's and 12's."  
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# ROSEMARY LASSIG

BORN  
1941 BUNDABERG

CLUB  
BUNDABERG

## WORLD RECORD HOLDER

ROSEMARY LASSIG SWAM THE BREASTSTROKE LEG FOR THE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM WHICH WON A SILVER MEDAL AT THE 1960 OLYMPICS. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE MEDLEY RELAY TEAM WHICH SET A WORLD RECORD DURING OLYMPIC TRAINING.

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4x110y MEDLEY RELAY	4:50.2	TOWNSVILLE	4 AUG 1960

SYDNEY OLYMPIC PARK



PATH OF CHAMPIONS



CEO  
Heritage Branch  
Department of Environment & Science  
GPO Box 2454  
Brisbane Q4001.

**Submission – HRN 650278 – Bundaberg Anzac War Memorial Pool**

I lodge this submission in support of the heritage listing of the Anzac Pool in Bundaberg. I support the criteria as listed but add that more importance on veterans and the veteran community could have been emphasised.

I am a life member of the RSL and have been a very active member of the Veteran community in Bundaberg for the past 20 years. I have now retired to the Gold Coast following the recent passing of my wife because my family support system is here. My military career spanned 54 years and I was involved in combat in Vietnam, with two deployments to Malaya. I was awarded the Australia Medal for distinguished military service in 1985.

In my time in Bundaberg I led the successful action to have the Baldwin Swamp Environmental Park heritage listed as a local site and I was the President of the Friends of Baldwin for 10 years. The Bundaberg Community has a deep association with the Anzac Pool and veterans value that 100 year link, on that site, adjacent to the RSL Club and on the banks of the river.

I am advised by my environmental colleagues in Bundy that the Council wants to demolish the Pool and use the valuable site as an entertainment centre. Many of the City's older and disabled people use the Pool because it is close to the CBD and has good transport links. I also understand that Council has no intention of replacing the Pool somewhere else for a couple of years. That leaves thousands of people who now use it on a daily basis – with nothing. That's not what the Anzac Spirit is about and not what the diggers would want for this 100 year old icon.

I understand that Council is also not responsive to keeping the Pool and using it as the centre-piece of their plans to refurbish the Anzac Park. After so many years in the military I know we have all worked hard to encourage younger generations to know, and value, the history of the Anzacs. I feel we've succeeded in keeping that spirit burning brightly for the younger generations- especially in Bundaberg (my home for 20 years) where the Pool is a living memorial to the Anzacs – dating back to post World War 1. I don't think Queensland has many that date back that far. I'm sure it will probably cost more to demolish the Pool than it would to maintain it, as it has always been a workable and well patronised Pool. It had an old 25 pounder gun there near the entrance for many years – and the kids loved climbing all over it.

The choice to heritage list – or not – is a difficult one because the criteria must be met. From my own experience with that Council and the hurdles it put in front of our community to heritage list the Wetlands – I am not surprised that they would create community dissent to achieve their economic goals. That's how they work up there. However, I've studied the criteria on the application and am familiar with the one at Townsville where my son and his family live. They have done an amazing job on that Pool and the Bundaberg Anzac Pool deserves the same chance. That'll never happen unless the heritage value is recognised, valued and preserved. It would be a fitting gesture for it's centenary and would be better than a car-park – which is its destiny if it's not heritage listed. The site was gifted 100 years ago, would owe the Council nothing and commercial goals should not be at the expense of heritage.....lest we forget.

Sincerely

1/08/2022.

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Bundaberg ANZAC Memorial Pool  
**Attachments:** ANZAC POOL MEMORIES.docx

Please SAVE OUR POOL. It means so much to so many in our town.  
I have attached my letter for your consideration.

Kind Regards  
[REDACTED]

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5 August 2022

Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Dept of Environment and Science

**HRN650278**

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Heritage Listing do Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool

Four weeks ago, we farewelled my father [REDACTED]. He was 88 years of age. Dad had a passion for the water and taught my brother and I to swim in Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool at an early age, and later on his three granddaughters. We all remember learning our stoke technique on top of the ironing board. All of the family, thanks to Dad, now have a love of swimming and surfing and an affinity with the water.

He would take us to the pool each morning at 5.30am and teach us and many others. There were a lot of kids he taught from scratch helping them to conquer their fear of water. Dad conferred with the other coaches at the pool at that time, Tom McIntyre who coached Olympian Rosemary Lässig, and Bill Pearson who coached his daughter Michele, and Justin Lemberg to Commonwealth and Olympic Games.

Club Swim nights were held every Tuesday night (with the Bundaberg Swim Club) and we would love going and gathering in our favourite spots to talk about the day. Even though we would see each other every morning, it was different at night. Our spot was under the rotunda. This was originally a water fountain which was later covered with a roof. Parents would sit in their favourite chairs lining the pool deck ready with full voice to scream at their child to tell them when it was their turn to race. The officials would line up behind the blocks as the swimmers mounted the block. On "record" nights (we had to submit weeks prior that we were wanting to attempt a new record in a certain distance and or style) and then you would have three officials behind that block. It was always exciting as everyone wanted you get that new record, and atmosphere was electric on those nights. The timekeepers box was always a flurry of people going up to the ladies telling them the times they had recorded. I was lucky to set two records in that pool - 50m butterfly in my age group for Bundaberg Swimming Club and for the pool.

The Club would go away with swim carnivals, but the most exciting was when we held the City of Charm Swim Championships here at the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. Swimmers would come from everywhere and we even had National Champions come to swim.

Inter-house and inter-school Swim Carnivals were another exciting time. It was the perfect location for so many to come and line the pool decks and various tents lined the outer area on the grass. There would be hundreds all decked out in their school or house colours.

Dad was also a lifesaver and did his bronze medallion in 1951, having trained in the original Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths with many other lifesavers. He later went onto to do his Instructors Certificate, training bronze medallion squads. He trained many others from the Club in R & R (Rescue and Resuscitation), going on to win championships within their Branch and State right through until he retired in 2000. He often took the lifesavers to train at Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool.

In 1965 Dad introduced Nippers (then known as Juniors) to the Bundaberg surf lifesaving club. This club was not only the first in the South Barrier Branch, but in Queensland. He was Foundation President and worked tirelessly gathering kids from all sports on to the beach each Sunday in Summer. Many of these kids needed to learn how to swim, and Dad would teach them at Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool. Many went onto to win championships, but most importantly became members of the senior club patrolling our beaches. Bundaberg Surf Lifesaving Club members all trained in the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths which became Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool over very many years.

If training wasn't enough for us in our early years, we would always be at the ANZAC Memorial Pool with friends on weekends. It was a lifestyle that we still enjoy to this day. My brother and I made lifelong friends across the generations, people from different places across Queensland and Australia through swimming. Our father was an inspirational coach who made learning to swim fun for hundreds of kids that he taught over the years. He leaves a broad and lasting legacy that we are very proud of.

Our family have a long association with this pool as do many other families that I know. It's largely undisturbed architecture and style is a sentimental link to an important time in our lives. I believe that this pool has a very important heritage value to us as a city, and to the state of Queensland where swimming in summer is what we do. I strongly support the Heritage listing of Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool.

Yours sincerely,



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 4:57 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** HRN 650278 - Anzac Pool Bundaberg, Application for Heritage Listing.

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Der Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to you in regards to the Application for Heritage Listing, HRN 650278, for the Anzac Memorial Pool in Bundaberg, Qld.

The Bundaberg Regional Council is currently planning to demolish this wonderful Heritage icon in conjunction with a proposed redevelopment of the parklands along the Burnett River in the CBD in Bundaberg. It is completely beyond me why any council would even think about destroying such an important part of the town's history.

For me, personally, it is a sacred space in the middle of town, where I go every week to swim and where I have made many friends easily accessible by anyone that provides the opportunity for young and old to exercise, relax and connect



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 12:42 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Submission HRN650278 - Anzac Memorial Pool  
**Attachments:** Anzac Memorial Pool support letter.pdf

Please find attached letter in support of keeping the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool open & operating.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]

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6 August 2022

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To Whom It May Concern

On behalf of our parents, [REDACTED] & my three sisters, [REDACTED] I would like to offer support in keeping the Anzac Memorial Pool in Quay Street open and available for the Bundaberg people.

The Anzac Pool is a major institution and part of Bundaberg's history. It has been the mainstay for giving residents a place to cool down, have fun, keep fit, meet up with friends and most importantly a monument to the returned soldiers of World War 1 that fought and died for us so we could enjoy the freedom life avails us now. The memory of their sacrifices should not be a victim of modern development.

Allowing people to exercise, have a positive healthy environment and a place where Bundaberg residents can relax and enjoy a peaceful haven in a central location is paramount to any town and city. It is unfathomable that this pool should not remain a part of Bundaberg's history and keep providing residents with an outdoors recreation option.

The Anzac Memorial Pool has a very long history with our family and we remember many happy family times training in the early mornings whilst growing up and the enjoyment of swimming with friends. Now more than ever people need a place to come and relax around beautiful gardens and within close proximity to the centre of town. Being alongside the RSL is the right home for the Anzac Memorial Pool. We hope the submission to keep it open and operating is successful.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 9:53 AM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** HRN 650278 - The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool  
**Attachments:** The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool.pdf

Dear Executive Officer,

Please find attached [REDACTED] request for Heritage listing of the Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]  
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To  
Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Department of Environment and Science  
Brisbane.

The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool – My Grandfather’s Legacy – Our connection to the Bundaberg District and Community.

My name is [REDACTED], I am one of George Lionel Stedman’s many grandchildren that grew up in Bundaberg. His great grandchildren and their children still reside in the Bundaberg District hence the strong connection with the district and its community that spans over one hundred years.

George Lionel Stedman, a fruiterer who lived in Goodwin Street with his wife Annie Elizabeth and their four children, enlisted in the First World War in 1916 at the age of 28. Prior to his enlistment in 1916 he organised fund-raisers to assist Australian wounded soldiers.

“One of these events was a Paddy’s Market and Social Dance at the Queen’s Theatre in 1915. That event raised the impressive sum of 916 pounds.” (~ \$6,311 AUD in 2022 but then a loaf of bread would have been two cents, a kilogram of steak was fourteen cents, rent for a three bedroom house was \$1.30/week) Putting this into context you can gain an appreciation of the generosity and willingness of the Bundaberg community to give for the benefit of the returned soldiers.

George was wounded in France in June 1918 and because of the wounds he had to have his left arm amputated. He also suffered from with the effects of mustard gas, George had to recuperate in a hospital in England before returning to Bundaberg in December 1918.

George Stedman harboured a great passion for swimming and was founding Secretary of the Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club in February 1915. He served in this role for 35 years later taking positions as President and Patron. It was of little surprise that he was later awarded Life Membership of the Queensland Amateur Swimming Association.

For George Stedman it was the brutal experiences of the First World War which, rather than embitter him, inspired George to seek a better future for fellow servicemen and women.

George recognised a need to help fellow servicemen and his activities as Secretary of the Bundaberg Patriotic Committee and Secretary of the Bundaberg Repatriation Committee assisted numerous returned servicemen across two world wars until the role was absorbed by the RSL.

My grandfather was one of many from the Bundaberg district that paid dearly for their involvement in wars, but these men and women returned to communities that were struggling to function due to the restrictions of war time and the post war economy. They assimilated back into the community throwing themselves into projects to benefit the entire community as did George Lionel Stedman.

Returning from the war, George was a driving force in the establishment in 1923 of the original Bundaberg Memorial Baths adjacent to the RSL in Quay Street. The site was later redeveloped as Bundaberg’s Olympic Pool and is now known as the Anzac Park Pool.

The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool is one of these projects that become and is an icon for the Bundaberg and District Community it signifies not only the sacrifices of Australian Servicemen and

Women from the district but the sacrifice of the community people that were involved in making the Pool a facility that has served the community since the original Baths were erected in 1923.

It was his belief in the value of public baths, both from recreational and therapeutic aspects, that saw George lobby intensely for the construction of the Memorial Baths. George presented himself 'front and centre' as an advocate for other servicemen and later as a man dedicated to promoting the sport of swimming and the use of pools for public leisure.

The current Council proposal to redevelop Bundaberg's Anzac Park and the adjacent swimming pool areas is going to erase George Lionel Stedman's selfless efforts to have a facility that has provided recreational, and therapeutics benefits to the entire community for one hundred years. The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool has provided a pathway to adulthood, through learning to swim, compete and then involvement in the organisations like Swimming clubs that have made this facility the epicentre of their respective communities.

So, it is not only the family connection, and the legacy George Lionel Stedman has created that is going to be destroyed by the current Bundaberg Council's redevelopment plan. It is the countless other family connections and legacies, community history and the connection to the struggle that many Australian men and women have made in conflicts around the world. The connection to those that given so much to the Bundaberg and the Australian community through personal sacrifice that will be lost forever.

The current Bundaberg Council's redevelopment plan is in what they call progress, I on behalf of my Grandfather George Lionel Stedman and all his descendants ask you to grant the Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool, Heritage Listing to save the Facility for future generations to enjoy and connect with the actions and sacrifices of all that made the Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool the cultural icon it is. The Stedman family is having difficulty with the premise that destruction of the facility is progress.

The Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool is a focal point of the community, linking the facility with the memory and significance to all Australians of the Anzac spirit and the culture of Australia. The Bundaberg and Australian community have grown and evolved since the settlement of the country, to becoming a nation, the conflicts, economic hardship and the challenges ever changing political landscape. The constant has been the sense of community and mateship forged through the experiences endured the collective efforts to have facilities for the community to enable and provide benefit to all. Now the Bundaberg Council want to tear this away from the community in the name of progress as defined by the council not the community.

How does this progress align to "Lest We Forget"

Please save the Bundaberg Anzac Park Memorial Pool.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 3:34 PM  
**To:** Heritage  
**Subject:** Heritage Register Number (HRN): 650278  
**Attachments:** swimming pool.docx

I tender the following for consideration to listing ANZAC Pool on the Heritage Register.

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CRITERION	ENTRY OF PLACE IN THE QLD HISTORY REGISTER
- A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Architectural features by Queensland architects acknowledges the foresight of community members and council of the past to provide quality facilities for use by its town and country population</li> <li>- Monument to Queensland's involvement but more specifically Bundaberg and district role in major world events including wars</li> <li>- Development of swimming history and representation from regional Queensland to compete nationally and internationally in the Commonwealth, Olympics and Paralympics</li> <li>- At 99, it is a testament to the workmanship of the builders over the years and needs to continue to be recognised as part of Queensland history by retaining these structures</li> </ul>
- D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is a living memorial to the 'blood, sweat and tears' of Australian troops, thus it is symbolic not just to Bundaberg but Australia as documented through Application data – War Memorial Virtual display, Monuments Australia article and Places of Pride</li> <li>- Inclusion in the Queensland Heritage Register recognises that the Bundaberg Anzac Memorial Pool is unique to Bundaberg, Queensland and Australia and not a copy from another town.</li> <li>- Anzac Memorial Pool is a place of importance on the world map and a destination for people to track their personal history, the importance of swimming in Australia and architecturally significant landmarks</li> </ul>
- E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The park, the pool and the RSL building provide a time honoured memorial to the past with their complimentary features of palms, open spaces and architecturally significant buildings. Each of which is symbolic and functional in its current state</li> <li>- The external architecture and landscaping provide a calming effect compared to the busy thoroughfare of Quay Street</li> </ul>
- G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Association with the local history of Bundaberg including positive respect for this living monument by previous councils</li> <li>- The Anzac pool is significant not just to the Bundaberg township but to the localities that surround Bundaberg within and beyond Bundaberg Regional Council as a meeting place and recognition to ANZAC's and historical development in the area</li> <li>- it is significant to schools within and beyond Bundaberg Regional Council boundaries who have used the pool for many years due to the pools' locality and facilities</li> <li>- The pool area in its current configuration (within the proposed new development) would be culturally reflective of the past and time honouring in the future of swimming, architecture and ANZAC's within Bundaberg, Queensland and Australia</li> </ul>

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**From:** [Redacted]  
**Sent:** Monday, 8 August 2022 3:13 PM  
**To:** Joanne Ketter  
**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths)  
**Attachments:** [Redacted]

Good afternoon [Redacted]

Re **Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths)**  
**Heritage Register Number 650278**

Attached is a submission re the above nomination

[Redacted]

Cc [Redacted]

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August 8, 2022

Executive Officer  
Heritage Branch  
CPO Box 2454  
BRISBANE  
QLD, 4101

Email: [heritage@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage@des.qld.gov.au)

Dear Sir/Madam


Re: **Anzac Park Memorial Pool (formerly the site of The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths)  
Heritage Register Number 650278**

I am writing to support the above nomination on the basis of the significance at state level of the Anzac Park Memorial Pool, Bundaberg as a prominent and architecturally significant place designed by the well known and highly regarded architectural practice, Cook & Kerrison.

WJE Kerrison (1902 – 2000) was an outstanding student winning the Gold Medal for architectural graduates in 1924. But the stimulus for and basis of his commencing private practice in May 1936, was his winning a competition for a new Methodist Church at Bundaberg. Thereafter Kerrison spent at least one full day each week at Bundaberg where he undertook numerous others projects both large and small – often several at any one time. He soon supplanted his local competition – J Norman Allom (1895-1978) becoming the dominant practitioner in the city. This special association continued in his subsequent partnerships, Cook & Kerrison, with HM Cook (1901-1968) from July 1939; and Cook & Kerrison & Partners (Ken Kennerson, Tom Perry, Bob Bland, Fred Mealand) from January 1963, enlarged to include Selwyn Loynes and Russell Kerrison from 1970, which were major post-war commercial and institutional architects in Queensland.

Before World War 2, Cook & Kerrison were at the forefront of modern architecture in Brisbane – in their employment of Karl Langer (1903-1969) and CP Heath (1895–1963) thereby also attracting to Brisbane Heath's wife, the influential architect Edna Jean Pritchard (1902–1968). The impact of the partnership on modern architecture continued after the War. Among their employees when the Changing Sheds for the Anzac Park Memorial Pool were designed was the American architect Howard Louis Hyde (1919 -2022). Hyde was studying architecture at the distinguished Cornell University before he enlisted for service in World War 2. While he was based in the South-West Pacific, Hyde married in Brisbane. After completing his degree after the War, he returned to Brisbane where he worked for Cook & Kerrison 1953-1956 before going back to the United States. The South-West USA pueblo styling of the changing sheds is a significant example of the post war transfer of American ideas to Queensland architecture.

Kind regards



**From:** [Robyn Silcox](#)  
**To:** **Category B**  
**Bcc:** [Steve Johnston - CEO](#); [Christine Large](#)  
**Subject:** Department of Environment and Science - Recommendation ANZAC Pool Bundaberg be Entered into Queensland Heritage Register - Oral Representatives by 16/09/2022  
**Date:** Friday, 2 September 2022 11:43:00 AM  
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[image010.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Good Morning

Please see attached correspondence from the CEO, Mr Steve Johnston.

Regards

Robyn

**ROBYN SILCOX**

Executive Assistant – Mayor

**Category B**



**Category A**

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2 September 2022

Joanne McAuley  
Principal Heritage Officer  
Heritage Branch  
Department of Environment and Science

**Email:** Category B

Dear Joanne

**ANZAC Pool – 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg**

I refer to the above matter and your letter received today.

Your letter, also being a Notice under section 46 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*, is headed "Notice of Chief Executive Recommendation – Not to enter a place in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place".

However, your attachment titled "Heritage Recommendation" provides "Recommended to Enter this place in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State Heritage Place".

Your Notice and attachment appear to be in contradiction with each other.

Would you please clarify?

Yours sincerely

Category B

Steve Johnston  
Chief Executive Officer



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**From:** Heritage <[Heritage@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:Heritage@des.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 20 October 2022 2:20 PM  
**To:** BRC CEO Incoming <[ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Attention: Mr Steve Johnston - Anzac Pool, Bundaberg [650278]

Good afternoon

Please find attached correspondence regarding the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg.

Kind regards  
Jo



**Jo Ketter**  
Executive Officer, Queensland Heritage Council  
**Environment and Heritage Policy and Programs**  
Department of Environment and Science

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Category B

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GPO Box 2454, Brisbane 4001

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- To contact the Queensland Heritage Council: [heritage.council@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:heritage.council@des.qld.gov.au)
- Report damage to Queensland Heritage Register places : [pollutionhotline@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:pollutionhotline@des.qld.gov.au)
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Ref: HRN 650278

Date: 20 October 2022

Mr Steve Johnston  
Chief Executive Officer  
Bundaberg Regional Council  
e: [ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au](mailto:ceo@bundaberg.qld.gov.au)

Dear Mr Johnston

**Decision of the Queensland Heritage Council to not enter the Anzac Pool, 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg, in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State heritage place**

This document is the notice of decision and reasons in respect of the above decision that was made by the Queensland Heritage Council (**Heritage Council**) on **7 October 2022** pursuant to s.54 of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992 (Act)*.

After making its decision, the Heritage Council wanted to record in the notice of decision its dissatisfaction with the circumstances under which it had to do so. This was due to the Bundaberg Regional Council (BRC) proceeding with demolition after the heritage recommendation for the Anzac Pool, and the lack of a proactive approach to applications being made.

**1.0 Decision**

1.1 On 6 July 2022, the Department of Environment and Science (**Department**) received an application (**Application**) made pursuant to s.36 of the Act, to enter the Anzac Pool, 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg in the Queensland Heritage Register (**Heritage Register**) as a State heritage place.

1.2 On 7 October 2022, the Heritage Council resolved pursuant to s.53 of the Act to **not** enter the Anzac Pool, 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place. The terms of the relevant resolution was:

**RESOLUTION NO. 360.2**

*Having considered the application, submissions, oral representation, the report and presentation of the Department, and the heritage recommendation of the Chief Executive's delegate for Anzac Pool, Bundaberg, 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg, the Queensland Heritage Council resolves in accordance with s.53 of the Act to not enter this place in the Queensland Heritage Register as a State*

heritage place because it does not satisfy one or more of the cultural heritage criteria as specified in s.35(1) of the Act.

**RESOLUTION NO. 360.3**

*In accordance with s.51(3) of the Act, the Queensland Heritage Council, in making its decision, had regard to whether the physical condition or structural integrity of the place may prevent its cultural heritage significance being preserved. Due to the substantial demolition and resultant loss of features that has occurred at the place since the heritage recommendation was made, the Queensland Heritage Council considered the place does not satisfy one or more of the cultural heritage criteria as specified in s.35(1) of the Act.*

**RESOLUTION NO. 360.4**

*The Queensland Heritage Council resolves to adopt the draft facts and reasons outlined in the report by the Department (Attachment 6), as the rationale for not entering Anzac Pool, Bundaberg, 19 Quay Street, Bundaberg, in the Queensland Heritage Register.*

The reasons for the decision of the Heritage Council are set out below.

**2.0 Legislative framework and background**

- 2.1 Under s.36(1)(a) of the Act, a person or other entity may apply to the chief executive to have a place entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place. The application must comply with the requirements of s.36(2) of the Act.
- 2.2 The Application lodged with the Department on 6 July 2022 was assessed to be compliant with s.36 of the Act.
- 2.3 Pursuant to s.53(1) of the Act, the Heritage Council may decide to enter a place the subject of an application made under s36(1) of the Act in the Heritage Register if it considers the place satisfies one or more of the following cultural heritage criteria listed in s.35(1) of the Act, being:
  - (a) the place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history;
  - (b) the place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage;
  - (c) the place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history;
  - (d) the place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places;
  - (e) the place is important because of its aesthetic significance;
  - (f) the place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period;
  - (g) the place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

- (h) the place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.
- 2.4 The Application nominated criteria (a), (d), (e), and (g) as being relevant to the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg's cultural heritage significance (section 7 of the Application). Criteria (b), (c), (f), and (h) were listed as 'not applicable'.
- 2.5 Under ss. 38, 39 and 40 of the Act, on receipt of an application under s.36 of the Act, the chief executive must then give notice of the receipt of the application to the applicants, as well as give the application to the relevant local government and the owner of the place and publish notice of the application.
- 2.6 The relevant notices were signed on 7 July 2022 and the public notice was published on the Queensland Government website on 11 July 2022.
- 2.7 Pursuant to s.41 of the Act, heritage submissions may be given to the chief executive within 20 business days after notice of the application is published under s.39(1)(a) of the Act. Under s.42 of the Act, submissions must be made on the basis that the place does or does not satisfy the cultural heritage criteria.
- 2.8 67 submissions were received during the submission period. 65 submissions supported the application, and two submissions did not support the application.
- 2.9 Under s.44 of the Act, the chief executive must consider the "relevant material" (as defined in s.44(6) of the Act) for the application and make a heritage recommendation to the Heritage Council about whether the place should be entered in the Heritage Register.
- 2.10 On 1 September 2022, the delegate of the chief executive of the Department, Catherine Chambers, Director made a heritage recommendation to the Heritage Council (**heritage recommendation**) that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg, be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under Part 4, Division 5 of the Act, on the basis that the delegate considered the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg did satisfy the cultural heritage criteria (a), (d), and (g) as specified in s.35(1) of the Act.
- 2.11 Notice of the heritage recommendation was given to all submitting parties pursuant to s.46 of the Act by letter dated 2 September 2022.
- 2.12 Pursuant to ss.49 and 50 of the Act, parties who are given notice under s.46 of the Act can make oral representations to the Heritage Council.
- 2.13 The owners of the relevant place may give a written response (heritage response) to the Heritage Council under ss.50A and 50B of the Act.



- 2.14 On 7 October 2022, the Heritage Council convened a meeting at which the application and heritage recommendation were considered with the prospect of a decision being made.
- 2.15 Under ss.47 and 51 of the Act, the Heritage Council must consider and make a decision on each heritage recommendation it receives.
- 2.16 Under s.51(2) of the Act, in making the decision, the Heritage Council:
- (a) must have regard to all of the following
    - (i) the application to which the heritage recommendation relates;
    - (ii) the heritage submissions for the application;
    - (iii) the written representations made under section 43 or 48 about the place the subject of the application;
    - (iv) if the council allows a person or entity to make oral representations about the recommendation—the representations;
    - (v) if the owner of the place gives the council a heritage response for the recommendation—the heritage response; and
  - (b) may have regard to other information the council considers relevant to the application.
- 2.17 Under s.51(3) of the Act, the Heritage Council may also have regard to whether the physical condition or structural integrity of the place may prevent its cultural heritage significance being preserved.
- 2.18 Pursuant to s.173 of the Act, the Chief Executive of the Department has published the *Guideline: Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria*. This Guideline provides a framework for entering places in the Heritage Register, including a summary in respect of each of the s.35 criteria.
- 2.19 Pursuant to s.53(3) of the Act, the Heritage Council may in its discretion relevantly decide:
- (a) to enter the place, as proposed in the heritage recommendation, in the Heritage Register; or
  - (b) to enter the place, as varied from the heritage recommendation, in the Heritage Register; or
  - (c) to not enter the place in the Heritage Register.
- 2.20 At the meeting on 7 October 2022 the Heritage Council resolved and decided under s.53 of the Act to not enter the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg in the Heritage Register.

**3.0 Evidence or other material on which findings on material questions of fact were based**

3.1 In deciding on 7 October 2022 pursuant to s.53(3) of the Act to not enter the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg in the Heritage Register, the Heritage Council had regard to the following documents and materials:

- (a) relevant provisions of the following legislative and regulatory material being:
- (i) the Act;
  - (ii) *Guideline: Assessing cultural heritage significance – Using the cultural heritage criteria*. Heritage Branch, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection, State of Queensland, 2013 prepared under s.173 of the Act (**Guideline**);
- (b) material to which the Heritage Council must have regard under s.51(2)(a) of the Act, being:
- (i) the Application;
  - (ii) the submissions made under s.41 of the Act, being:
    - 67 submissions received during the submission period as detailed in Section 2 above);
- (c) the heritage recommendation made under s.44 of the Act;
- (d) material to which the Heritage Council may have regard under s.51(2)(b) of the Act, being:
- (i) internal materials prepared for the Department or Heritage Council, being:
    - Report to Heritage Council - Agenda Item No. Report to Heritage Council - Agenda Item No. 360.7.1.2 dated 29 September 2022; and
    - a presentation prepared by the Department.
  - (ii) one oral representation.
  - (iii) material to which the Heritage Council may have regard under s.51(3) of the Act, being the above listed evidence and materials insofar as they are relevant to whether the physical condition or structural integrity of the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may prevent its cultural heritage significance being preserved.

#### **4.0 Findings on material questions of fact**

4.1 Based on the evidence and materials considered by the Heritage Council (as detailed in Section 3 above) now set out below are the Heritage Council's findings on material questions of fact in relation to whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg met any or each of the cultural heritage criteria.

#### ***Criterion (a) - The place is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history***

- 4.2 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (a):
- (a) The Application nominated criterion (a) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
  - (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place satisfies this criterion.
  - (c) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is located in the traditional lands of the Bailai, Gurang, Gooreng Gooreng, Taribelang Bunda People.
  - (d) Surveyed in 1869, Bundaberg developed as the service centre for a major sugar-growing area surrounding it and as the port for Mount Perry's copper mining.
  - (e) In 1923, the Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League of Australia (RSSILA, a precursor to the Returned Services League) erected a memorial baths and club rooms as a utilitarian memorial to lives lost and those who served in World War I (WWI). A marble foundation stone was laid by Ethel Campbell, the 'Angel of Durban', on 25 August 1923 and the baths opened in November that year.
  - (f) The Baths were located between Quay Street and the Burnett River within a Baths Reserve, immediately east of a gardens reserve later developed as Anzac Park. The Baths complex comprised: a concrete pool (100 x 30ft / 30.48 x 9.14m, perpendicular to the river); timber dressing sheds on each side, with spectator stands constructed above; timber kiosk in the southeast corner; and a reinforced concrete wall, with the words 'Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths' across its width, along the Quay Street frontage.
  - (g) The concept of a swimming pool as a war memorial arose from a debate in Australia after WWI on the nature of commemoration. WWI memorials took a variety of forms in Australia, including honour boards, stone monuments, and tree-lined memorial avenues as well as utilitarian (useful) structures such as gates, halls, clocks, and (less commonly) swimming pools. Most Australian localities decided on a monumental approach (60%), with only 22% choosing utilitarian buildings (mostly halls), and 18% choosing the compromise position of utilitarian monuments – including a clock on a cenotaph.
  - (h) The RSSILA sold the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths to the then Bundaberg City Council now BRC in 1937 and gained trusteeship of 43

perch (1087m<sup>2</sup>) block of land, east of the Baths, as a Reserve for Soldiers' Memorial Hall (R828), where the RSSILA built a new clubhouse.

- (i) Competitive swimming had developed during the 19<sup>th</sup> century and increased in popularity in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century with the development of the Summer Olympic Games.
- (j) After World War II (WWII), BRC wished to upgrade its deteriorating 1923 baths to include an Olympic pool. However, funding approval was not forthcoming.
- (k) BRC received funding approval in 1955 to replace the entrance building and changing rooms with stands above with new entrance building, bathing sheds and a new concourse; and work commenced in 1955.
- (l) After a section of pool wall collapsed in July 1955, due to damage by tree roots and the lack of reinforcing in the pool's concrete, BRC gained Queensland Government approval to build a replacement Olympic pool, including an extended concourse and areas of lawn to the west.
- (m) The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths was entirely demolished in 1955, although the marble commemorative stone was retained.
- (n) A new complex was built on the current site, which included the site of the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths; and was officially opened on 31 March 1956.
- (o) The new complex included: three small, single-storey brick buildings (entrance/kiosk building and two dressing sheds); two concrete pools (main pool and toddlers' wading pool); and a large pool water aerator fountain within an expansive, fenced site.
- (p) The three brick buildings were in a matching pared-back Mediterranean/Spanish Mission style. They were small and simple, and had textured render over their brick walls. The entrance/kiosk building fronted Quay Street in the south-eastern corner of the site. It had porthole windows, a tile-clad hip roof, and incorporated the 1923 marble commemorative stone. The dressing sheds were long and narrow and located in the north-eastern corner of the site. They had many small high-set windows, and a corrugated asbestos 'super-six'-clad gable roof, which was open in the centre to allow sun and ventilation to the interior.
- (q) The main Olympic swimming pool was at the centre of the grounds. It was rectangular, 55 yards/50.29m long and 6 lanes wide. The concrete pool shell (ranging in depth from 3.5ft/1m to 10.75ft/3.3m) had concrete starting blocks and two diving boards (9ft/2.7m and 3ft/91cm).
- (r) The toddlers' wading pool was located in the southeast corner of the site beside the entrance/kiosk building. It was also a concrete pool shell, small and squarish, ranging in depth from 1ft6in/46cm to 1ft10in/56cm.
- (s) The pool water aerator fountain stood within the grounds near the entrance/kiosk building. Made of concrete, it comprised a tall centre fountain column standing on a domed base within a large octagonal basin.
- (t) The pool grounds were garden-like, with large areas of lawn, timber stands, and narrow concrete concourses and paths around the pools.

Foot pools (small shallow pools to rinse bathers' feet before entering the swimming pool) were located at the entrances to the dressing sheds and at least one location on the concourse beside the Olympic swimming pool.

- (u) At the opening, the Bundaberg Mayor said 'the new pool would still stand as a memorial to first world war servicemen. If the RSL have thoughts of providing a memorial for the servicemen of the second world war and those of Korea and Malaya in the way of seating or some other amenity at the pool they will have the complete backing of the Council'.
- (v) No evidence of a feature memorialising the pool as a WWII memorial, nor of fundraising for this purpose, has been identified.
- (w) At the March 1956 opening ceremony, the Bundaberg Mayor acknowledged BRC Chief Engineer Cliff Brewer, saying the pool was 'a monument to the extraordinary efficiency and skill of ... Brewer who designed and supervised the erection of the pool' and was 'one of the best of the many fine jobs he has done in ... Bundaberg'. The 2015 book *Hot Modernism* identifies the dressing sheds as being designed by Queensland architecture firm Cook and Kerrison, who as Cook, Kerrison and Partners later designed the 1971 administration building. One of the 1955 blueprint plans showing details of the dressing sheds the pool notes 'Drawn E Wallace 11/3/55', whose identity is not known but who does not appear on Rolls of the Board of Architects Queensland, 1930-1980.
- (x) From 1886 to 1983 at least 82 public swimming pool complexes are known to have been established in Queensland. Of these, 26 have been demolished and 56 are extant.
- (y) Provision of public swimming pool complexes in Queensland's towns and cities became popular by the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century and peaked during the 1950s and 1960s. Some served as utilitarian war memorials. While each pool complex was individually designed, most included an Olympic-sized or 25m swimming pool; an entrance building; separate changing facilities for men and women; and an open, landscaped site, typically with pathways, lawns, trees, and bench seating. Many also incorporated a shallow wading pool for toddlers. Some, like Anzac Pool, Bundaberg, included diving boards.
- (z) During this peak period (1950s and 1960s), at least 49 public swimming pool complexes were built in Queensland, 36 of which remain in 2022. Of the 49, eight were built before Anzac Pool, Bundaberg. These were: Tobruk Memorial Baths in Townsville, (1950) [QHR 601575]; Blue Pacific Pool, Nambour (1950; demolished); Normanton Pool (1951); Aramac Jubilee Memorial Swimming Pool (1952); WJ Lang Memorial Olympic Swimming Pool, Kingaroy (1953); Mitchell Memorial Swimming Pool (1955); Langlands Park Memorial Pool, Stones Corner (1955); and Cunnamulla Swimming Pool (1955).
- (aa) Public pool buildings from the 1950s and 1960s in Queensland were often constructed from robust materials like brick and concrete, dressing sheds/change rooms typically had high levels of ventilation including

'open-air' sections with no roofs, and incorporated 'foot pools' for rinsing bathers' feet prior to entering the main pool.

- (bb) In line with contemporary architectural trends, pool buildings from the 1950s and 1960s were typically designed in expressive architectural styles, such as Modernism (such as at 2nd World War Memorial Pool, Rockhampton, 1960 or Mackay Memorial Swimming Centre, 1963), Moderne (such as Tobruk Memorial Baths, Townsville), and Mediterranean or Mission Revival (as at Bundaberg).
- (cc) In 2022, of the 49 known public pool complexes built in Queensland in the 1950s and 1960s, 12 have been demolished or considerably altered through substantial change. Of the remaining 37, evidence suggests only 12 retain a level of intactness, with original/early complex components extant and legible. Most complexes were altered after the period through modernisation and other upgrades, such as: replacing one or more of the pools in the same or new location, altering the original pool by widening it, or changing the pool wall by providing ramp access; adding shade structures, lagoons, waterpark structures (slides), and buildings in the grounds, replacing open lawn areas; or demolishing and replacing, or substantially modernising the entrance buildings and dressing sheds. Of the known public pool complexes built in the 1950s and 1960s in Queensland, the peak period of the construction of this type, Bundaberg's Anzac Pool was one of the more intact examples when DES undertook its assessment.
- (dd) In c1968, a WWII-era artillery piece was added to the front of the pool near the front entrance, at the southeast corner of the site on a concrete plinth shaped to the artillery piece. It was removed in 2021 for refurbishment.
- (ee) In 1968, BRC successfully applied to the Queensland Government for funding for construction of a learners' swimming pool with a filter. The new 25m learners' pool and an upgraded filter system opened on 1 November 1969, at a cost of \$32,000. The aerator fountain was decommissioned at this time.
- (ff) By the time of the opening of the learners' pool, BRC had decided a residence was needed for the swimming pool operator, who spent long hours at the pool.
- (gg) Early in 1970 the BRC applied for funding for an office, café, and caretaker's residence with an estimated cost of \$25,000, which was successful. Plans were drawn in January 1970.
- (hh) In response to tenders called in May 1970 for 'Erection of a Two Storey Brick and Brick Veneer Building with Timber construction First Floor, comprising Café, Office and Residence', JB & LR Murchie were awarded the work.
- (ii) Designed by Queensland architecture firm Cook & Kerrison and Partners, the new Modernist, two-storey entrance building/caretaker's residence was opened on 1 February 1971 by Bundaberg City Council

Mayor, Alderman CJ Nielsen. The building replaced the 1955 entrance/kiosk building, which was demolished.

- (jj) On its front wall was mounted in large raised metal letters 'BUNDABERG CITY COUNCIL OLYMPIC POOL' and below this were the 1923 marble stone from the Returned Soldiers' Memorial Baths, the 1956 plaque from the demolished entrance/kiosk building, and a new plaque commemorating the 1971 building opening.
- (kk) In early August 2022, a metal flagpole stood at the front of the Entrance Building/Caretaker's Residence, likely original to 1971.
- (ll) Harold Morton Cook (1901-1968) and Walter James Ernest Kerrison (1902-2000) formed Brisbane-based architecture firm Cook and Kerrison, in 1939. Between 1962 and 1978 the firm operated as Cook & Kerrison and Partners. After Cook's death and Kerrison' retirement, it became Perry Bland Kennerson Loynes Pty Ltd (1978-1981).
- (mm) Cook and Kerrison's built work was diverse, including private residences, offices, churches, banks, and King's College at University of Queensland, St Lucia.
- (nn) Other changes to Anzac Pool have occurred since its redevelopment in 1955-1956. By 1965 a row of palm trees had been added to the southern boundary, replacing a large fig tree; by the same year a 'Broadcast Stand' had been added at the eastern end of the main pool; in 1970 the main pool was shortened to the official Olympic length of 50m; in c1971 the decommissioned aerator fountain had its basin demolished and it was converted into a gazebo; in c1981 the pool filtration shed was extended with the addition of a brick plant room; and by 2007 the diving boards were removed.
- (oo) Other alterations have occurred over time, including: demolishing the Olympic swimming pool's foot pools and filling the dressing shed's foot pools with concrete; removing the timber stands, concourse lamps, and bench seats; and refurbishing the dressing sheds including replacing roof sheets, closing over windows, and replacing cubicle doors, fixtures, and fittings. After 2008, 'ANZAC POOL' was painted on the entrance building/caretaker's residence and after 2014, the 1971 metal letter sign was removed from the same building.
- (pp) On 1 April 2006, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anzac Pool, Bundaberg was celebrated with 'Anzac Park Pool Anniversary Bash', a public party at the pool supported by Bundaberg City Council and featuring free admission, free sausage sizzle, and donations made to Legacy Australia.
- (qq) From 1956 until April 2022, Anzac Pool, Bundaberg operated as a public swimming pool and generations of people learned to swim there. Competitive and lap swimmers trained there, including the Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club and Fairymead Amateur Swimming Club, and competitive swim meets have been held there, including intra- and inter-region club meets and carnivals, and regional championships.
- (rr) The place is included on three Australian war memorial registers (websites):  
Monument Australia  
[<https://monumentaaustralia.org.au/display/90906-returned-soldiers-memorial-baths-anzac-pool>]; Places of Pride National Register of War

Memorials [<https://placesofpride.awm.gov.au/memorials/264336>]; and Virtual War Memorial Australia [<https://vwma.org.au/explore/memorials/5059>].

- (ss) Bundaberg's Anzac Day commemorations centre on the 1921 WWI memorial (Bundaberg War Memorial QHR 600364) in the intersection of Bourbong and Barolin Streets. In the past, returned servicemen attending the Anzac Day Dawn Service assembled outside the memorial baths, while in 2022, marchers assembled outside the Bundaberg RSL building, before proceeding west along Quay Street, past Anzac Pool and Anzac Park, via Barolin Street to the Bundaberg War Memorial for the service.
- (tt) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg closed permanently at the end of the swimming season in April 2022 and the pools were emptied.
- (uu) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (vv) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (b) - The place demonstrates rare, uncommon or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage***

- 4.3 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (b):
- (a) The Application did not nominate criterion (b) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
  - (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does not satisfy this criterion.
  - (c) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is not rare or uncommon as a public swimming pool complex built in Queensland during the 1950s and 1960s.
  - (d) From 1886 to 1983 at least 82 public swimming pool complexes are known to have been established in Queensland. Of these, 26 have been demolished and 56 are extant.
  - (e) During the peak period for construction (1950s and 1960s), 49 public swimming pool complexes were opened in Queensland, of which 36 are extant following the substantial demolition of the Anzac Pool.
  - (f) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.



- (g) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (c) - The place has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history***

- 4.4 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (c):
- (a) The Application did not nominate criterion (c) as the one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
  - (a) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does not satisfy this criterion.
  - (b) Primary and secondary references in the heritage recommendation provide evidence that there are written records and information relating to the history of Anzac Pool, Bundaberg.
  - (c) There is no evidence that the fabric of the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history beyond what can be obtained from existing primary and secondary sources.
  - (d) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (e) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (d) - The place is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural places***

- 4.5 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (d):
- (a) The Application nominated criterion (d) as the one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
  - (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does satisfy this criterion.
  - (c) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg was an example of a public swimming pool complex built in Queensland during the 1950s and 1960s.

- (d) From 1886 to 1983 at least 82 public swimming pool complexes are known to have been established in Queensland. The peak period of construction was the 1950s and 1960s with 49 complexes known to have been built during the period.
- (e) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg demonstrated some of the principal characteristics of these complexes, including: its central civic location; pool buildings (entrance building/caretaker's residence 1971, women's and men's dressing sheds 1956, and broadcast stand by 1965); swimming pools (Olympic swimming pool 1955, toddlers' wading pool 1955, and 25m learners' pool 1969); pool water filtration systems (remnant of former aerator fountain 1955, and pool filtration shed 1969); and generous, manicured, and open recreation grounds featuring formal layout, lawns, mature trees, and concrete pool concourses and paths.
- (f) In 2022, of the 49 known public pool complexes built in Queensland in the 1950s and 1960s, 12 have been demolished or considerably altered through substantial change. Of the remaining 37, evidence suggests only 12 retain a level of intactness, with original/early complex components extant and legible. Most complexes were altered after the period through modernisation and other upgrades, such as: replacing one or more of the pools in the same or new location, altering the original pool by widening it, or changing the pool wall by providing ramp access; adding shade structures, lagoons, waterpark structures (slides), and buildings in the grounds, replacing open lawn areas; or demolishing and replacing, or substantially modernising the entrance buildings and dressing sheds. Of the known public pool complexes built in the 1950s and 1960s in Queensland, the peak period of the construction of this type, Bundaberg's Anzac Pool was one of the more intact examples.
- (g) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (h) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (e) - The place is important because of its aesthetic significance***

4.6 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (e):

- (a) The Application nominated criterion (e) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
- (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does not satisfy this criterion.

- (c) The swimming pool complex comprised buildings and landscape features that were constructed primarily in two major periods of development – 1955-6 and 1969-71. As such, the two dressing sheds and the former aerator fountain (all 1955) were in a different architectural style to the entrance building/caretaker's residence (1971), broadcast stand (by 1965), and the pool filtration shed (1969, extended c1981).
- (d) The place contains rows of mature palm trees, which were added to the complex by 1965.
- (e) The 1956 entrance/kiosk building, of pared-back Mediterranean or Spanish Mission architectural style matching the dressing sheds, was demolished c1970, replaced by the Entrance building/Caretaker's Residence, which was in a Late-20<sup>th</sup> Century Modernist architectural style.
- (f) The Entrance Building/Caretaker's Residence completed by February 1971 was designed by Queensland architecture firm Cook & Kerrison and Partners.
- (g) The entrance building/caretaker's residence was the subject of a painting in 2018 by Queensland artist, Robert Brownhall.
- (h) Anzac Pool's Dressing Sheds were featured in *Healthy Minds in Healthy Bodies: Building Queensland's Community, One Weatherboard at a Time* an essay by Janina Gosseye and Alice Hampson published in 2015 in *Hot Modernism: Queensland Architecture 1945-1975*. This essay about the development of civic infrastructure in Queensland during the period, included photographs and drawings of the dressing sheds and discussed the sheds' 'sculptural buttresses ... adding a hint of Spanish Mission to an otherwise functional and modernist ensemble'.
- (i) The place has not been recognised for its aesthetic qualities in any other known published representations.
- (j) The place is not visually prominent within the streetscape, nor from the Burnett River.
- (k) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (l) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

**Criterion (f) - The place is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period**

4.7 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (f):

- (a) The Application did not nominate criterion (f) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
- (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does not satisfy this criterion.
- (c) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg was constructed using common building methods.
- (d) The place does not display any notable artistic, architectural, or creative qualities or any technical, construction or design qualities to be sufficiently important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
- (e) The place does not display a sufficient degree of artistic value or architectural excellence; it is not innovative nor develops new technology; it does not represent a breakthrough in design or a construction technique; and is not a solution to a technical problem that extends the limits of existing technology.
- (f) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (g) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (g) - The place has a strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural or spiritual reasons***

4.8 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (g):

- (a) The Application did nominate criterion (g) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
- (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does satisfy this criterion.
- (c) A petition in response to the rumoured threat of closure of the Anzac Pool, which included 722 signatures, was tabled at the BRC's ordinary meeting in February 2020.
- (d) Two online petitions were created in response to the proposed closure of Anzac Pool. The first petition (April 2022) sought delay of Anzac Pool's closure until a replacement pool was opened and received 1321 signatures. The second petition (June 2022) sought support for retaining Anzac Pool and received 126 signatures.
- (e) There have been 67 submissions, from Bundaberg community members and others beyond the region, in favour of heritage listing the place.

Many report ongoing use of the pool over decades and intergenerational use of the pool by families. Veterans report using the place for physical and mental therapy, some over long periods of time; and that the war memorial association is an important dimension of their attachment.

- (f) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (g) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

***Criterion (h) - The place has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group or organisation of importance in Queensland's history***

4.9 The Heritage Council made the following findings of fact in respect of whether the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may be entered in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place under criterion (h):

- (a) The Application did not nominate criterion (h) as one of the relevant criteria for entry in the Heritage Register.
- (b) The Department's heritage recommendation states the place does not satisfy this criterion.
- (c) At the March 1956 opening ceremony, the Bundaberg Mayor acknowledged Bundaberg City Council Chief Engineer Cliff Brewer, saying the pool was 'a monument to the extraordinary efficiency and skill of ... Brewer who designed and supervised the erection of the pool' and was 'one of the best of the many fine jobs he has done in ... Bundaberg'. The 2015 book *Hot Modernism* identifies the dressing sheds as being designed by Queensland architecture firm Cook and Kerrison, who as Cook, Kerrison and Partners later designed the 1971 administration building. One of the 1955 blueprint plans showing details of the dressing sheds the pool notes 'Drawn E Wallace 11/3/55', whose identity is not known but who does not appear on Rolls of the Board of Architects Queensland, 1930-1980.
- (d) Anzac Pool's entrance building/caretaker's residence (1971) was designed by Queensland architecture firm, Cook & Kerrison and Partners.
- (e) Harold Morton Cook (1901-1968) and Walter James Ernest Kerrison (1902-2000) formed Brisbane-based architecture firm, Cook and Kerrison, in 1939. Between 1962 and 1978 the firm operated as Cook & Kerrison and Partners.
- (f) Cook and Kerrison's built work was diverse, including private residences, offices, churches, banks, and King's College at University of Queensland, St Lucia.

- (g) Although Cook & Kerrison and Partners may be of importance in Queensland history, there is insufficient evidence of a special association between the company and the entrance building/caretaker's residence at the Anzac Pool.
- (h) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (i) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

## **5.0 Reasons for decision**

5.1 Based on the Heritage Council's findings on the material questions of fact as set out above in Section 4, the reasons for the Heritage Council's decision on the Application were as follows:

- (a) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (a) for the following reasons:
  - (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets had been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) Due to the substantial demolition and resultant loss of features that has occurred at the place since the heritage recommendation was made, Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is no longer important in demonstrating the evolution of public swimming pool complexes in Queensland.
  - (iv) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline (*Assessing Cultural Heritage Significance: Using the Cultural Heritage Criteria*, Queensland Government) for criterion (a), the Heritage Council was not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that Anzac Pool,

Bundaberg meets the threshold for State-level significance against this criterion.

- (v) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is important in demonstrating the evolution or pattern of Queensland's history.
- (b) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (b) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) From 1886 to 1983 at least 82 public swimming pool complexes are known to have been established in Queensland. Of these, 26 have been demolished and 56 are extant. During the peak period for construction (1950s and 1960s), 49 public swimming pool complexes were opened in Queensland, of which 36 are extant following the substantial demolition of the Anzac Pool. As such, they do not demonstrate rare, uncommon, or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage.
  - (iv) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (b), the Heritage Council was not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg demonstrates a way of life, custom, process, function, land use, design, or form that once was common but is now rare or uncommon, or has always been uncommon.
  - (v) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg demonstrates rare, uncommon, or endangered aspects of Queensland's cultural heritage.
- (c) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (c) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast

stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.

- (iii) The history and fabric of Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is documented in primary and secondary sources, and the place does not have potential to contribute new knowledge about Queensland's history; potential to contribute knowledge that will lead to a greater understanding of particular aspects of Queensland's history; or potential to contribute knowledge that will aid in comparative analysis of similar places.
  - (iv) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (c) the Heritage Council was not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg has potential to contribute new knowledge about Queensland's history; potential to contribute knowledge that will lead to a greater understanding of particular aspects of Queensland's history; or potential to contribute knowledge that will aid in comparative analysis of similar places.
  - (v) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of Queensland's history.
- (d) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (d) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg was an example of a public swimming pool complex built in the 1950s and 1960s in Queensland. It formerly featured characteristics of this type through its: central, civic location; pool buildings: entrance building/caretaker's residence (1971); women's and men's dressing sheds (1956); and broadcast stand for competitive swimming (by 1965); swimming pools: Olympic pool (1955); toddlers' wading pool (1955); and 25m learners' pool (1969); pool water filtration systems: remnant of former aerator fountain (1955); and pool filtration shed (1969); and generous, manicured, and open recreation grounds featuring formal layout, lawns, mature trees, and concrete pool concourses and paths.



- (iv) Due to the substantial demolition and resultant loss of features that has occurred at the place since the heritage recommendation was made, Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is not important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a public swimming pool complex built in Queensland during the 1950s and 1960s.
- (v) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (d), the Heritage Council was not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a public swimming pool complex built in Queensland during the 1950s and 1960s.
- (vi) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a particular class of cultural place.
- (e) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (e) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (ii) 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
- (iii) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg may have formerly possessed attractive features, however due to the substantial demolition that has occurred at the place since the heritage recommendation was made, these features are no longer extant.
- (iv) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (e), the Heritage Council was not satisfied there is sufficient evidence that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg demonstrates aesthetic attributes or qualities of State level cultural heritage significance.
- (v) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is important because of its aesthetic significance.
- (f) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (f) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor

- events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
- (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) Anzac Pool, Bundaberg does not display any notable artistic, architectural, or creative qualities or any technical, construction, or design qualities to be sufficiently important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
  - (iv) The place does not display a sufficient degree of artistic value or architectural excellence; it is not innovative or develops new technology; it does not represent a breakthrough in design or a construction technique; and is not a solution to a technical problem that extends the limits of existing technology.
  - (v) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (f), the Heritage Council was not satisfied there is sufficient evidence Anzac Pool, Bundaberg demonstrates a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
  - (vi) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg is important in demonstrating a high degree of creative or technical achievement at a particular period.
- (g) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (g) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) From 1956 to April 2022, Anzac Pool may have continued the role commenced by the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths in 1923, as a place of valued customary experience, and symbolically represented the past in the present for veterans, their descendants, and those who have used the pool for sport and recreational purposes. This community's strong and special association with Anzac Pool may have been demonstrated

through continued use by individuals and intergenerational use by families over its lifetime, as well as sustained efforts to retain the place including: petition, media campaigns, formation of the Friends of Anzac Memorial Pool, and submissions supporting heritage listing.

- (iv) The Heritage Council acknowledges the important historical and social associations of the Anzac Pool with past and present veterans, their descendants, and a range of people who have used the pool for sport and recreational purposes.
  - (v) However, while these important associations were acknowledged, the Heritage Council considered that there are no current features of the Anzac Pool that are linked to these associations, which would be conserved through entry in the Heritage Register.
  - (vi) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool retains the requisite level of strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group for social, cultural, or spiritual reasons.
- (h) The Heritage Council was not satisfied that the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg satisfies criterion (h) for the following reasons:
- (i) From late August 2022, demolition of the pool complex began in accordance with BRC's plan to redevelop the Anzac Pool and adjoining parkland, which entails new recreational and outdoor events spaces, and a memorial space for the region's service personnel.
  - (ii) By 29 September 2022, extensive demolition had occurred. Features known to be demolished or substantially demolished are: the Olympic pool; 25m learners' pool; wading pool; broadcast stand; all concrete concourses; and the gazebo built over the former aerator fountain. The roof sheets have been removed from both dressing sheds and the pool filtration shed in preparation for their demolition.
  - (iii) There is insufficient evidence that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg holds a special association with a person, group of people, or an organisation of importance in Queensland history.
  - (iv) Although architectural firm Cook & Kerrison and Partners (earlier known as Cook & Kerrison) may be of importance in Queensland history, there is insufficient evidence of a special association between the company and Anzac Pool, Bundaberg.
  - (v) Having regard to the significance and threshold indicators identified in the Guideline for criterion (h), the Heritage Council was not satisfied there is sufficient evidence Anzac Pool, Bundaberg has a special association with a person, group, or organisation that has made an important or notable contribution to the evolution of development of our society or our physical environment.

- (vi) The Heritage Council was therefore not satisfied that Anzac Pool, Bundaberg has a special association with the life or work of a particular person, group, or organisation of importance in Queensland's history.
- (i) The Heritage Council did consider, pursuant to s.51(3) of the Act, evidence, materials or submissions made and tabled in respect of the physical condition or structural integrity of the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg. The Heritage Council was not satisfied the physical condition or structural integrity of the place may prevent its cultural heritage significance being preserved.

For the above listed reasons, the Heritage Council decided that the place did not satisfy one or more of the cultural heritage criteria as specified in s.35(1) of the Act.

Accordingly, the Heritage Council decided pursuant to s.53(3)(c) of the Act to not enter the Anzac Pool, Bundaberg in the Heritage Register as a State heritage place.

Under the provisions of the Act an owner may appeal this decision through the Planning and Environment Court. Appeals may only be made on the ground that the place does satisfy the cultural heritage criteria. Enclosed is an *Information Notice about rights of appealing a decision by the Heritage Council*.

Notice of the Heritage Council's decision will be in the Government Gazette on 21 October 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Nicole Mulholland  
Manager  
Queensland Heritage Council & Heritage Register  
Heritage Branch

**Enclosed:**

- Information notice

Category A

**From:** Sean O'Keeffe [Category B]  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 11:39 AM  
**To:** Steve Johnston - CEO [Category B]  
**Subject:** RE: ANZAC Pool -draft engagement timeline

Hi Steve

Thank you for your prompt assistance in providing this documentation. The department will ensure that the personal details of people identified in the documentation will remain confidential and not be distributed externally.

Regards



**Sean O'Keeffe**  
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**From:** Steve Johnston - CEO Category B  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 11:34 AM  
**To:** Sean O'Keeffe  
**Subject:** FW: ANZAC Pool -draft engagement timeline

Sean

As discussed

**STEVE JOHNSTON**  
Chief Executive Officer  
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**From:** Chris Sampson Category B  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Steve Johnston - CEO Category B  
**Cc:** Ben Artup Category B  
**Subject:** RE: ANZAC Pool -draft engagement timeline

Steve

They were separate. Engagements coordinated by Aureon occurred between Feb-April 2018 with the final report submitted June 2018

At the end of 2020 and into early 2021 we ran further community engagement in house, I've attached the Community Engagement Report that summarises these works. The final report was complete Feb 2021, it was presented at Council Consultation on 18 Jan 2021 (regarding applying for BBRF for Aquatic Centre and Anzac Park) and then again on 17 Feb 21 (as a summary of the engagement undertaken). I've attached the final ANZAC Park Community Engagement Report which is requested below, note that this covers both Anzac Park and the new Aquatic centre due to the inter-related impact the projects have on the community.

I've also attached

- Detailed survey, all of the individual responses (111 pages) – **(note that this currently includes Personal Information)**
- Survey Responses Report (19 pages) – summarises the response to each question and plots into a bar graph and then itemises responses to the open ended questions **(note that this currently includes Personal Information)**

I can get the Personal Information redacted if necessary.

If there are any questions I can walk them through the timeline/process

Regards

Chris

**CHRIS SAMPSON**  
Manager Strategic Projects  
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**From:** Sean O'Keeffe **Category B**  
**Sent:** Monday, 15 August 2022 10:17 AM  
**To:** Steve Johnston - CEO **Category B**  
**Subject:** ANZAC Pool -draft engagement timeline

Good morning Steve

Is it possible for the Department to be provided with copies of the attachments referred to Change of Reserve Status for ANZAC Pool report (att)?

- 1 ANZAC Park Community Engagement Report
- 2 ANZAC Park detailed responses and suggestions
- 3 ANZAC Park Survey Responses

I'm unclear if the Aurecon 2018 Consultation Summary Report you previously provided is the same as what is identified above, but thought best to clarify.

Appreciate your assistance.

Regards



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- ANZAC pool is under utilised

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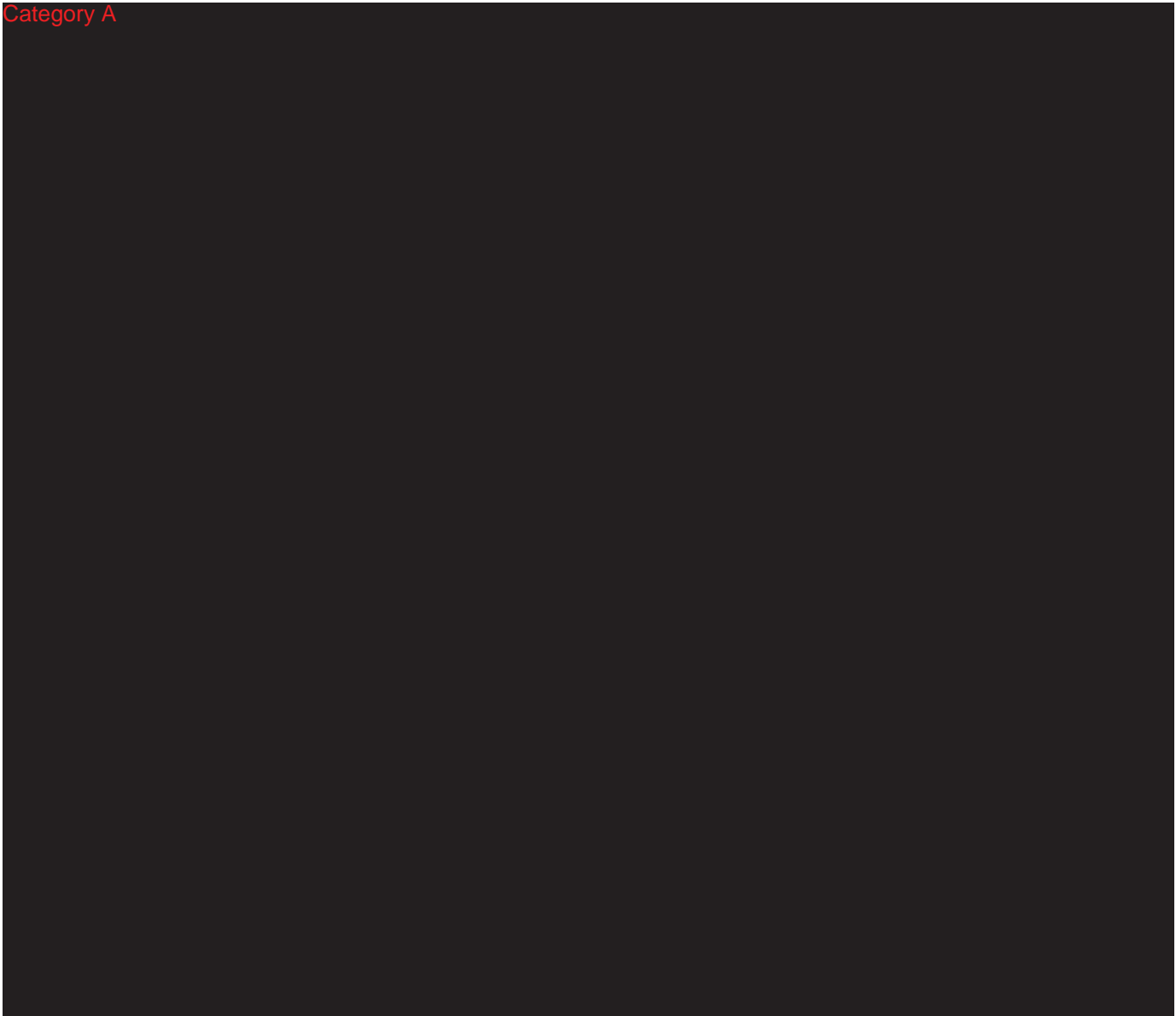


- The current ANZAC pool is to be replaced with a “Water Play” feature that does not require supervision

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- Redevelopment of the ANZAC Pool into a Water Play facility

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Issue	Council response
Does Bundaberg require two major pools?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- BRC will not be keeping the ANZAC pool open as a pool</li><li>- <b>Category A</b></li><li>- The pool is to be replaced with a "water Play" feature that does not require supervision</li></ul>

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Ownership/lease of the pool and bowls club

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- Pool has problems as it does not meet community need

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Item Number: 2

17 February 2021

**Subject:**

Change of Reserve Status for ANZAC Pool following Community Engagement

**Recommendation:**

**For Council's consideration.**

**Background:**

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[Redacted] This development will allow the closure of ANZAC pool [Redacted]

ANZAC Pool is currently identified as a Reserve for Baths. State Dept of Resources has advised that public consultation is required to support the change of reserve to something more suitable such as a Reserve for Recreation.

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- the intent to develop a 'documentary' to preserve some of the stories of ANZAC Pool.

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- A social media campaign to promote interest in Bundaberg ANZAC Pool stories, which included a link to the survey;
- Drop-in sessions at ANZAC Pool and Norville Pool to gain users input; and

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- Elements of the Bundaberg swimming community identified concerns around the timing of the development of the new aquatic facility, wanting assurance that it would be built before the existing ANZAC pool is demolished. Category A

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The survey and general community discussion have indicated that the community has a nostalgic attachment to ANZAC Pool. However, this attachment does not outweigh the communities desire for modern aquatic facilities and enhanced amenities in the CBD which would be provided by these project.

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**Includes requirement for Change of Reserve ANZAC Pool  
(Lot 3 on Crown Plan B158227)**

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including the requirement for a Change of Reserve for the ANZAC Pool site, being from a Reserve for Baths to a Reserve for Recreation. Category A

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- Elements of the Bundaberg swimming community identified concerns around the timing of the development of the new aquatic facility, wanting assurance that it would be built before the existing ANZAC pool is demolished.

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the survey has indicated minimal number of people want the pool to remain in its present site.

As a result of this it is recommended that an application is made to the Dept. of Resources to change the purpose of the Reserve at the ANZAC Pool site (Lot 3 of CP B158227) from a Reserve for Baths to a Reserve for Recreation to support the park's redevelopment.

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Category A [REDACTED] The SASR also identified that ANZAC Pool was severely underutilised, and the benefits of ANZAC Park could be increased by expanding into the adjacent pool site.

Subsequent engagements with the State Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME, now Dept. of Resources) identified that the pool is a Reserve for Baths and expanding ANZAC Park into the ANZAC pool site would require a change of reserve.

The ANZAC Park SASR was used as a basis for the design of the ANZAC Park re-development and its expansion into the ANZAC Pool site, the design of which was complete in late 2019. It also re-invigorated previous work by Council to establish a new Regional Aquatic Centre to replace the aging and underutilised ANZAC Pool. Category A [REDACTED]

## 2.2 CURRENT PROJECT

The SASR completed by Aurecon in 2018 formed the basis of the current iteration of investigations into the redevelopment of ANZAC Pool and Park and the establishment of a new Regional Aquatic Facility.

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- The general public – their views on ANZAC Pool and ANZAC Park, the re-development of ANZAC Park, their use of ANZAC Pool and thoughts on the new Regional Aquatic Centre.
  
- Key stakeholders – persons or organisations that have been specifically identified for engagement. These included:
  - Long term users of ANZAC Pool
  - ANZAC Pool operator and former licensee

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TABLE 1-1 OVERVIEW OF STAKEHOLDER AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKS COMPLETED

Engagement modes	Engagement	Purpose	Stakeholders engaged	IAP2 spectrum
<b>Continuous engagement</b>	Project website	Having a dedicated website for the project enabled transparency and the public to follow developments throughout the project. It also provided several methods for direct engagement from any interested parties, through the contact function, survey, ideas wall and form for people to register to be part of a video to capture memories of ANZAC Pool.	The general public, affected communities	<b>Inform</b>
<b>Category A</b>				
	Community survey	Taking key questions to the community via the survey enabled a better understanding of current use of ANZAC Pool and ANZAC Park, thoughts on the proposed Regional Aquatic Centre and re-development of ANZAC Park. As well as the online survey, paper copies were available, so all demographics were catered for.	The general public, affected communities	<b>Involve</b>
<b>Category A</b>				
<b>Targeted engagement</b>	ANZAC Pool users morning tea – Tuesday 24 November	Council held a morning tea and information session for the regular users of ANZAC Pool. Around 30 regular users attended, as well as the pool licensee and pool staff and actively engaged with Council staff on both projects. Two video segments with long term users of ANZAC Pool were also filmed for the “ANZAC Pool Memories” video, which will be produced in early 2021.	Stakeholders	<b>Involve</b>

Engagement modes	Engagement	Purpose	Stakeholders engaged	IAP2 spectrum
	Specialist aquatic facility users and Services personnel	Community members who are dedicated users of the aquatic facilities in Bundaberg have invaluable knowledge. We engaged with them on their use and views on ANZAC Pool and what they would like to see in the proposed Regional Aquatic facility and its proposed location (at the Multiplex Sports and Convention Centre off Walker Street).	Aquatic groups	Collaborate

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ANZAC Pool users – individual meeting with **Category B** (representing ANZAC Pool users) - 4 September and Pool Licensee **Category B** - 28 October 2020

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Information session at ANZAC pool with pool users – 24 November 2020

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In all communications, it was identified that the Regional Aquatic Centre will be built before ANZAC Pool will be closed. This will ensure that current pool users will be well catered for at the new facility. This allayed fears previously expressed by regular users that they would be left without a facility to swim at.

Category A



- Opportunity to fill out the survey, give ideas on the Ideas Wall and register to be part of the ANZAC Pool video

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### ANZAC Pool Information Morning – Tuesday 24 November, 2020

Around 30 people came to the ANZAC Pool Users morning tea and information session



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## 5 MEDIA-LED ENGAGEMENT

### 5.1 News stories

**A number of news stories, Facebook posts and a Bundaberg Now news video were produced.**

Bundaberg Now story – 24 November 2020: [https://www.bundabergnow.com/2020/11/24/anzac-park-precinct-pool-consultation/?fbclid=IwAR0SGpdufL4ha9t3RwX-JLJV0mq2yDTECKprVel2WJVXIYPh\\_1fCh4tuM](https://www.bundabergnow.com/2020/11/24/anzac-park-precinct-pool-consultation/?fbclid=IwAR0SGpdufL4ha9t3RwX-JLJV0mq2yDTECKprVel2WJVXIYPh_1fCh4tuM)

#### Transcript

##### **Have your say on Anzac Park precinct redevelopment**

The proposed Anzac Park precinct redevelopment would incorporate an events space with an outdoor stage

Residents are being encouraged to share their stories about Anzac Pool as part of consultation on the Anzac Park precinct redevelopment.

The pool was opened in 1956 on the riverside site which was formerly the Memorial Baths, established by the RSL in 1923.

Bundaberg Regional Council has recognised that the growth of the region necessitates the development of a modern aquatic facility to meet the community's future requirements.

If funding is secured for a new Regional Aquatic Facility, set to be located adjacent to the Multiplex, the Anzac Park precinct, incorporating the pool, would be redeveloped into a vibrant riverside community hub.

The redeveloped Anzac Park precinct would incorporate an adventure style playground with zero-depth water play, outdoor event space with stage, improved riverside access and an Anzac war memorial.

Mayor Jack Dempsey said the Anzac Pool consultation process was an opportunity for residents to share their stories about the old facility and discuss plans for the new one.

"Anzac Pool has been an important part of Bundaberg's CBD landscape for decades and many people have fond memories of their time spent at the pool with friends and family," Mayor Dempsey said.

"While Anzac Pool no longer meets the current and future needs of our growing community, we would like to recognise the important role it has played in our history by sharing those stories.

"This also gives frequent pool users the opportunity to share their thoughts on how we might be able to honour the history of Anzac Pool at the new Regional Aquatic Facility."

For avid swimmers, Mayor Dempsey said the consultation process was also a chance to put in a 'wish list' for the new aquatic facility.

"Detailed designs of a new aquatic facility are not yet under way so now is the time to put forward your suggestions on what should be included," he said.

"Those suggestions will be provided to our consultants to be taken into consideration throughout the design process."

Mayor Dempsey stressed that Anzac Pool would remain open until such time as the Regional Aquatic Centre was operational.

"Council is seeking funding from all levels of government to progress the Regional Aquatic Facility, without which the redevelopment of the Anzac Park precinct will not be possible," he said.

"These projects represent an exciting opportunity to have a modern aquatic facility centrally located close to other sporting resources while making the most of prime riverfront land.

"The Anzac Park precinct will activate the riverside area making it the premiere community space in Bundaberg and providing an economic boost for CBD businesses."

An information day will be held at Norville Pool, 148 Enterprise Street, on Saturday 28 November from 11am to 1pm.

It's an opportunity for residents to learn more about the project, provide their feedback via a survey and to share their stories.

You can also participate in the survey online at [ourbundabergregion.com.au](http://ourbundabergregion.com.au), where you can register interest in being part of a special Anzac Pool video.

5.2 Video: Bundaberg Now: <https://youtu.be/9bKqcn2RL-k>

5.3 Facebook 2 posts

**Bundaberg Now**  
November 24 at 7:00 PM · 🌐

Residents are being encouraged to share their stories about Anzac Pool as part of consultation on the Anzac Park precinct redevelopment.

BUNDABERGNOW.COM

**Have your say on Anzac Park precinct redevelopment – Bundaberg Now**

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Write a comment...

**Top Fan**  
**Corey Pitt**  
This is such an exciting advancement of our town. A swimming lagoon similar to Airlie Beach's would be a great start. 🏆 🎉 And I love the Outdoor Entertainment complex too. Well done BRC 🥳

Like · Reply · 1d

**Sharon Klan**  
Great idea bundy needs more things like this for kids and familys to enjoy....

Like · Reply · 1d

Screenshot of Bundaberg Now Facebook post 24 November 2020

## 6 SURVEYS AND SMS ENGAGEMENT

Two different community engagement tools were used in the consultation process

- Community Survey, open to the public:
  - The survey was conducted to ascertain the community's use of ANZAC Pool, whether they would use the proposed aquatic facility, to be located at the Bundaberg Multiplex Sports and Convention Centre, whether they used the current ANZAC Park, whether they would use the facilities proposed for the redeveloped ANZAC Park to gauge the potential of economic benefits from the redeveloped park towards the Bundaberg CBD.

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- Elements of the Bundaberg swimming community identified concerns around the timing of the development of the new aquatic facility, wanting assurance that it would be built before the existing ANZAC pool is demolished.

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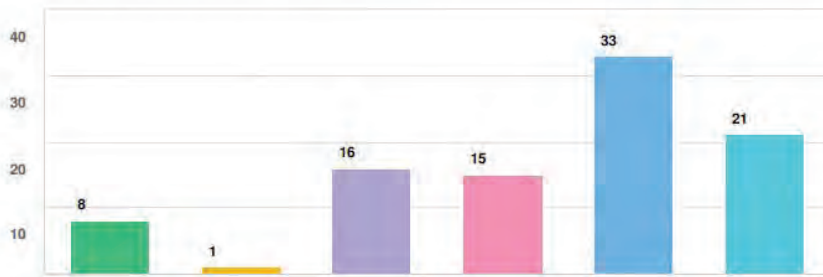


## 7.1 SURVEY GRAPHS

Of the 95 people who filled out the survey on the ANZAC Park redevelopment, 88 answered the question on how often they used ANZAC Pool. 8 used the pool more than once a week, 1 used it once a week, with the majority using it less often.

Recreation and Aquatic Facilities Survey : Survey Report for 15 November 2020 to 14 December 2020

Q1 Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?



### Question options

- Yes - more than once a week
- Yes - once a week
- Yes - at least once a month
- Yes - at least twice a year
- Yes - once a year or less frequently
- Reasons (please specify)

Optional question (88 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question

Information Act 2009

Category A



## 8 SUMMARY

Bundaberg Regional Council has evaluated the community consultation feedback and objections and has identified that there is strong community support to change the Reserve status of ANZAC Pool from Baths to Recreation in order to facilitate the redevelopment and expansion of ANZAC Park.

Category A



- Elements of the Bundaberg swimming community identified concerns around the timing of the development of the new aquatic facility, wanting assurance that it would be built before the existing ANZAC pool is demolished. It is Council's intent to develop a new Aquatic Facility before the demolition of the current ANZAC Pool and a Consultant has been engaged to undertake the detailed design of the new facility.

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Recent community engagement has demonstrated there is strong support for the redevelopment of ANZAC Park and development of a new Aquatic facility. Significant economic and social benefits will be delivered through these projects and the survey has indicated minimal number of people want the pool to remain in its present site.

As a result of this it is recommended that an application is made to the DNRME to change the purpose of the Reserve at the ANZAC Pool site (Lot 3 of CP B158227) from a Reserve for Baths to a Reserve for Recreation in order to support the parks redevelopment.

Category A

Bundaberg Regional Council is seeking your views on ANZAC Park, ANZAC Pool and a new Aquatic Facility.

The new Aquatic facility is proposed to replace ANZAC Pool. Category A

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Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

(Choose all that apply)

- Yes - more than once a week
- Yes - once a week
- Yes - at least once a month
- Yes - at least twice a year
- Yes - once a year or less frequently
- Reasons (please specify)

If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

(Choose all that apply)

- Lap swimming
- Club swimming
- Aqua aerobics

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- Recreation
- Other (please specify)

Category A



**ANZAC PARK: DETAILED REASONS AND SUGGESTIONS****Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

1. Yes - more than once a week, Reasons (please specify),Closest pool to Moore Park Beach, would like to see it refurbished like Norville pool.
2. Yes - more than once a week, Reasons (please specify),Health and fitness, exercise
3. Yes - more than once a week, Reasons (please specify),Work: hydrotherapy for patients
4. Yes - more than once a week, Reasons (please specify),Swim laps for exercise 3 or 4 times a week.
5. Yes - Reasons (please specify), Yes - at least twice a year, I stopped because the amenities are gross and the pool always get stuff in it from the trees
6. No - Reasons (please specify),No it was expensive dirty and I hate that there isn't any privacy from the main road/main street
7. No - Reasons (please specify),Don't use as need a heated pool
8. Reasons (please specify),I don't tend to use the pool often , I prefer the Norville Pool it's more spacious has more activity areas for small children .
9. Reasons (please specify),No
10. Reasons (please specify),Not at all
11. Reasons (please specify),No
12. Reasons (please specify),I don't use it as it isn't a pool I can take my young children to.
13. Reasons (please specify),No. My kids are not real interested.
14. Yes - once a year or less frequently, Reasons (please specify),Just don't enjoy the set up plus hear too many people getting water warts and other health problems
15. Reasons (please specify),Never I use Norville pool or the beach
16. Reasons (please specify),No out of date and not enough parks.
17. Reasons (please specify),No
18. Reasons (please specify),Haven't been yet since moving to Bundaberg
19. Reasons (please specify),Only for my child's school swimming which has now finished.
20. Reasons (please specify),No I don't use the ANZAC pool as I have my own
21. Reasons (please specify),no i am located closer to Norville Pool

**If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

1. Other (please specify),Work: hydrotherapy for patients
2. Recreation, Other (please specify),I take NDIS participants swimming
3. Lap swimming, Club swimming
4. Lap swimming, Recreation
5. Recreation, Other (please specify),Floating obstacles
6. Other (please specify),Just to hang and have a good time
7. Other (please specify),Inflatables
8. Other (please specify),Kids to swim
9. Other (please specify),Play date with my son
10. Recreation, Other (please specify), Lap swimming, Fun
11. Other (please specify),Exercise & very slow swimming



Respondent No: 1

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Nov 25, 2020 17:20:59 pm

Last Seen: Nov 24, 2020 19:53:21 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

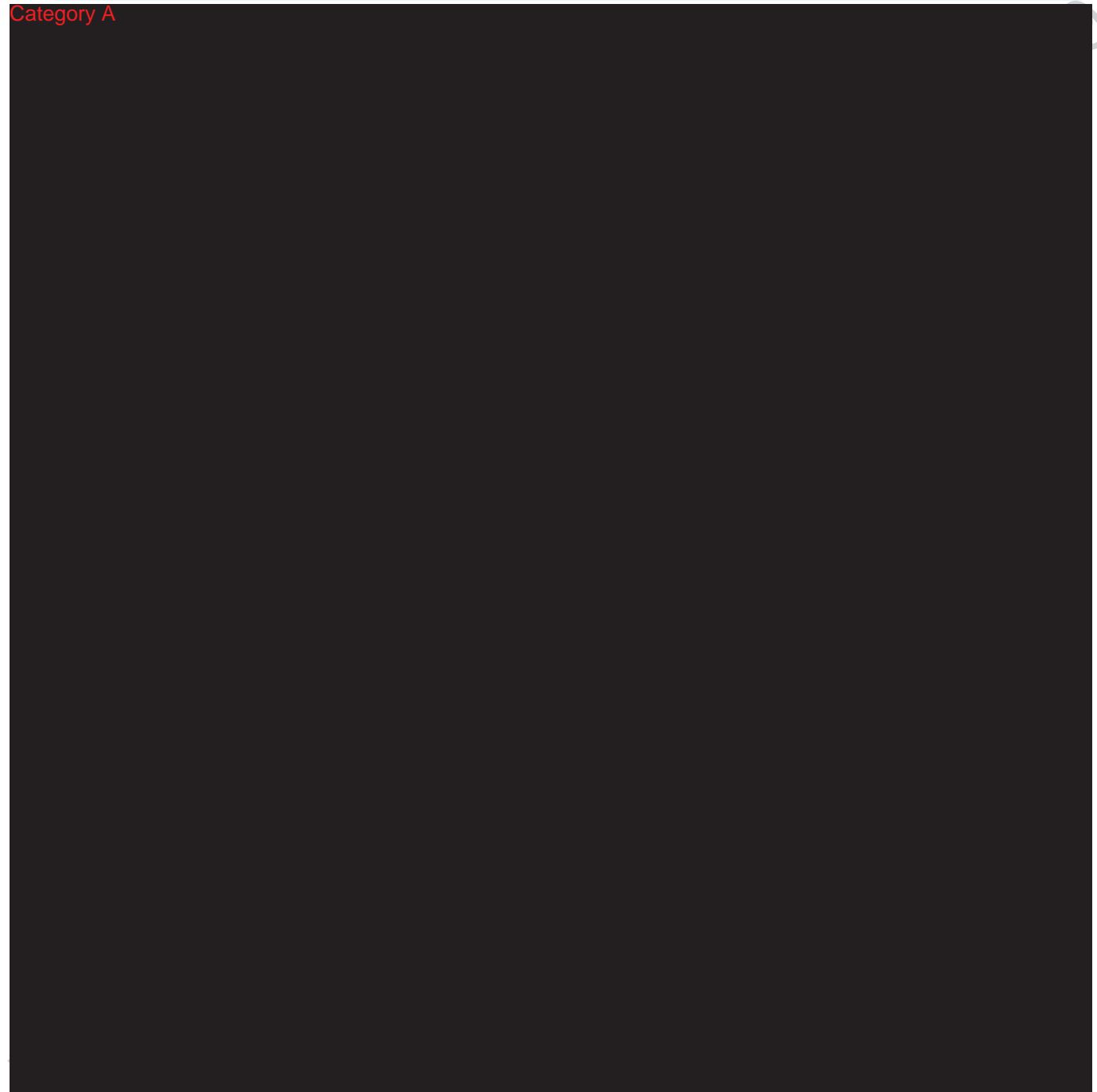
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





Respondent No: 2

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Nov 30, 2020 13:59:07 pm

Last Seen: Nov 30, 2020 02:54:50 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 3

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 02, 2020 20:34:41 pm

Last Seen: Dec 02, 2020 09:08:52 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

**Reasons (please specify)**

Closest pool to Moore Park Beach, would like to see it refurbished like Norville pool.

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

**Category A**

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Respondent No: 4

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 07, 2020 17:10:48 pm

Last Seen: Aug 15, 2022 00:52:44 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

**Reasons (please specify)**

Health and fitness, exercise

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





**Respondent No:** 5

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 07, 2020 17:14:16 pm

**Last Seen:** Aug 15, 2022 00:52:44 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

**Reasons (please specify)**

Work: hydrotherapy for patients

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

**Other (please specify)**

Work: hydrotherapy for patients

Category A

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Respondent No: 6

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 07, 2020 17:18:43 pm

Last Seen: Aug 15, 2022 00:52:44 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

**Reasons (please specify)**

Swim laps for exercise 3 or 4 times a week.

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

**Category A**





Respondent No: 7

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 17:46:08 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 06:42:00 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 8

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 18:00:30 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 06:58:01 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 9

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 18:05:47 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 07:03:47 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 10

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 18:11:29 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 07:08:11 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 11

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 18:14:08 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 07:09:45 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 12

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 18:17:09 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 07:15:40 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 13

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 18:18:46 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 06:55:52 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

Yes - at least twice a year

**Reasons (please specify)**

I stopped because the amenities are gross and the pool always get stuff in it from the trees

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

Recreation

**Other (please specify)**

I take ndis participants swimming

Category A

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Respondent No: 14

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 18:45:11 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 07:41:37 am

IP Address: Category

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





**Respondent No:** 15

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 18:48:21 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 07:42:27 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

**Reasons (please specify)**

No it was expensive dirty and I hate that there isn't any privacy from the main road/main street

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

**Other (please specify)**

Nothing

Category A







**Respondent No:** 16

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 18:56:58 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 07:54:10 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - more than once a week

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Club swimming

Category A





Respondent No: 17

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B



Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:09:02 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:02:18 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

Don't use as need a heated pool

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 18

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B



Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:14:45 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:11:55 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 19

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:17:03 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 07:14:13 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

I don't tend to use the pool often , I prefer the norville pool it's more spacious has more activity areas for small children .

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 20

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 19:19:04 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 08:12:35 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 21

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:22:55 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:17:49 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 22

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B



**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 19:27:03 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 07:47:17 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 23

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B



Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:28:12 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:24:24 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A







Respondent No: 24

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:28:43 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:25:48 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

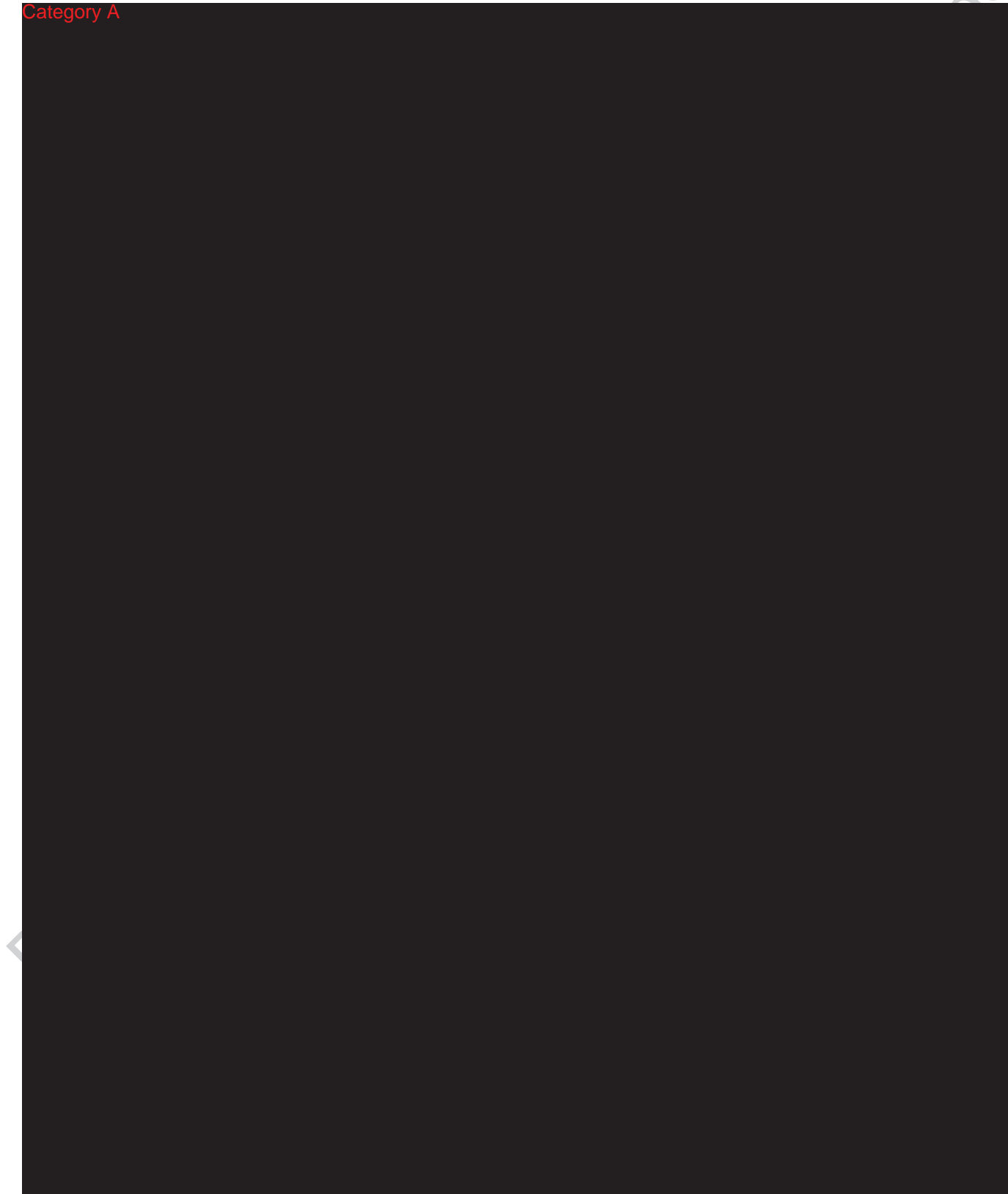
Reasons (please specify)

No

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 25

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 19:34:09 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 08:29:11 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

**Reasons (please specify)**

Not at all

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

**Other (please specify)**

I don't use it

Category A

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Respondent No: 26

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:38:38 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:33:43 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 27

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:43:31 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:40:25 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

No

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

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**Respondent No:** 28

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 19:56:37 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 08:47:12 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 29

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 19:59:54 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:57:27 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 30

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 20:01:24 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 08:54:39 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 31

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 20:14:37 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 09:11:39 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A







Respondent No: 32

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 20:19:06 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 09:15:50 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A

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**Respondent No:** 33

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 20:45:18 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 09:34:25 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

**Reasons (please specify)**

I don't use it as it isn't a pool I can take my young children too.

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

**Other (please specify)**

NA

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Respondent No: 34

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 20:55:36 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 09:51:27 am

IP Address: Category B

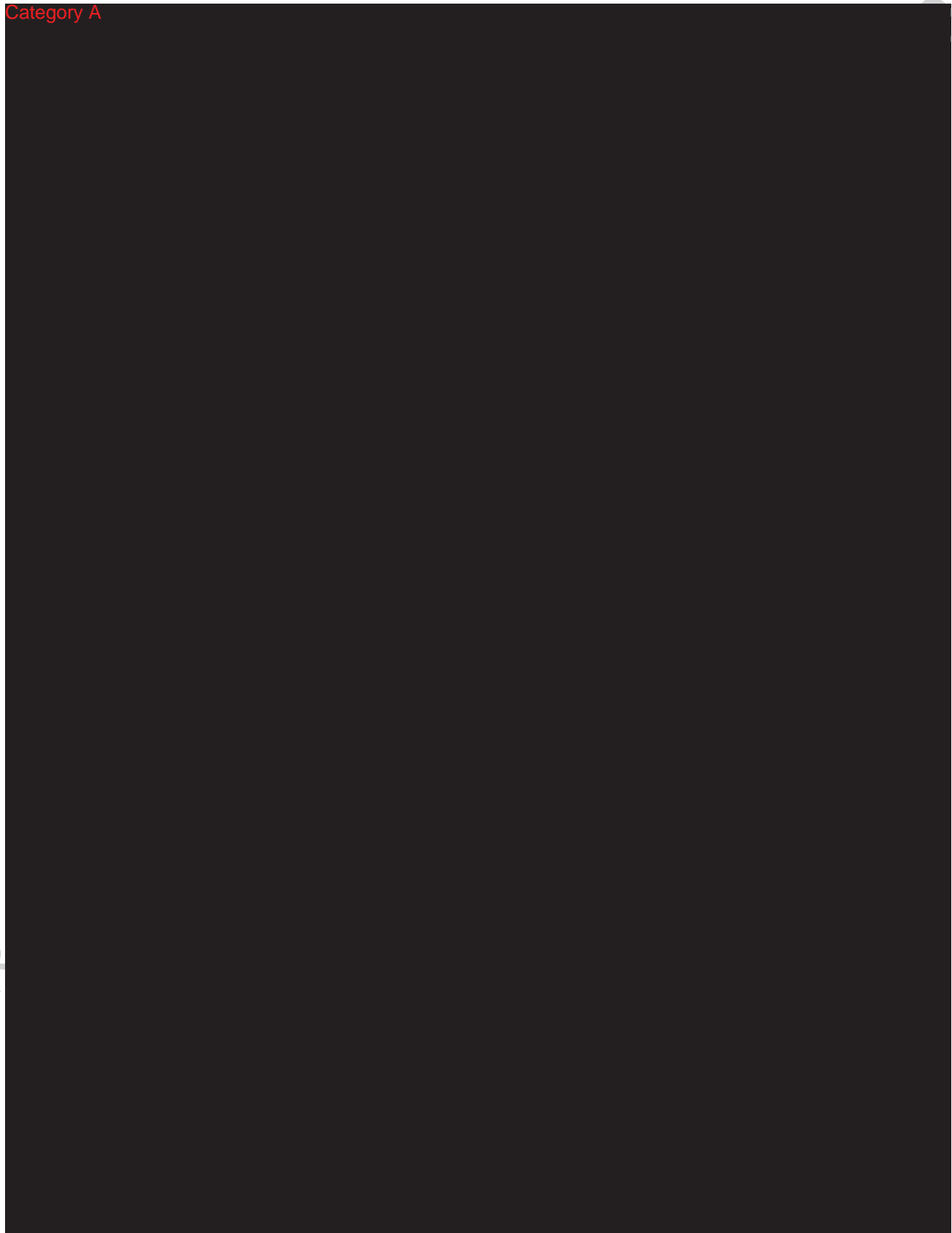
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A



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Respondent No: 35

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 21:02:33 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 09:56:05 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

No. My kids are not real interested.

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A

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Respondent No: 36

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 21:36:57 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 09:56:58 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

**Reasons (please specify)**

Just don't enjoy the set up plus hear too many people getting water warts and other health problems

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A

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**Respondent No:** 37

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 21:51:24 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 10:45:29 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. **Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?** Yes - at least once a month

Q2. **If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?** Recreation  
**Other (please specify)**  
Floating obstacles

Category A

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**Respondent No:** 38

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B



**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 21:59:44 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 11:01:15 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





Respondent No: 39

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 22:17:33 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:11:02 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A







Respondent No: 40

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 22:35:00 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:29:03 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A

B



Respondent No: 41

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 22:36:05 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:22:48 am

IP Address: Category B

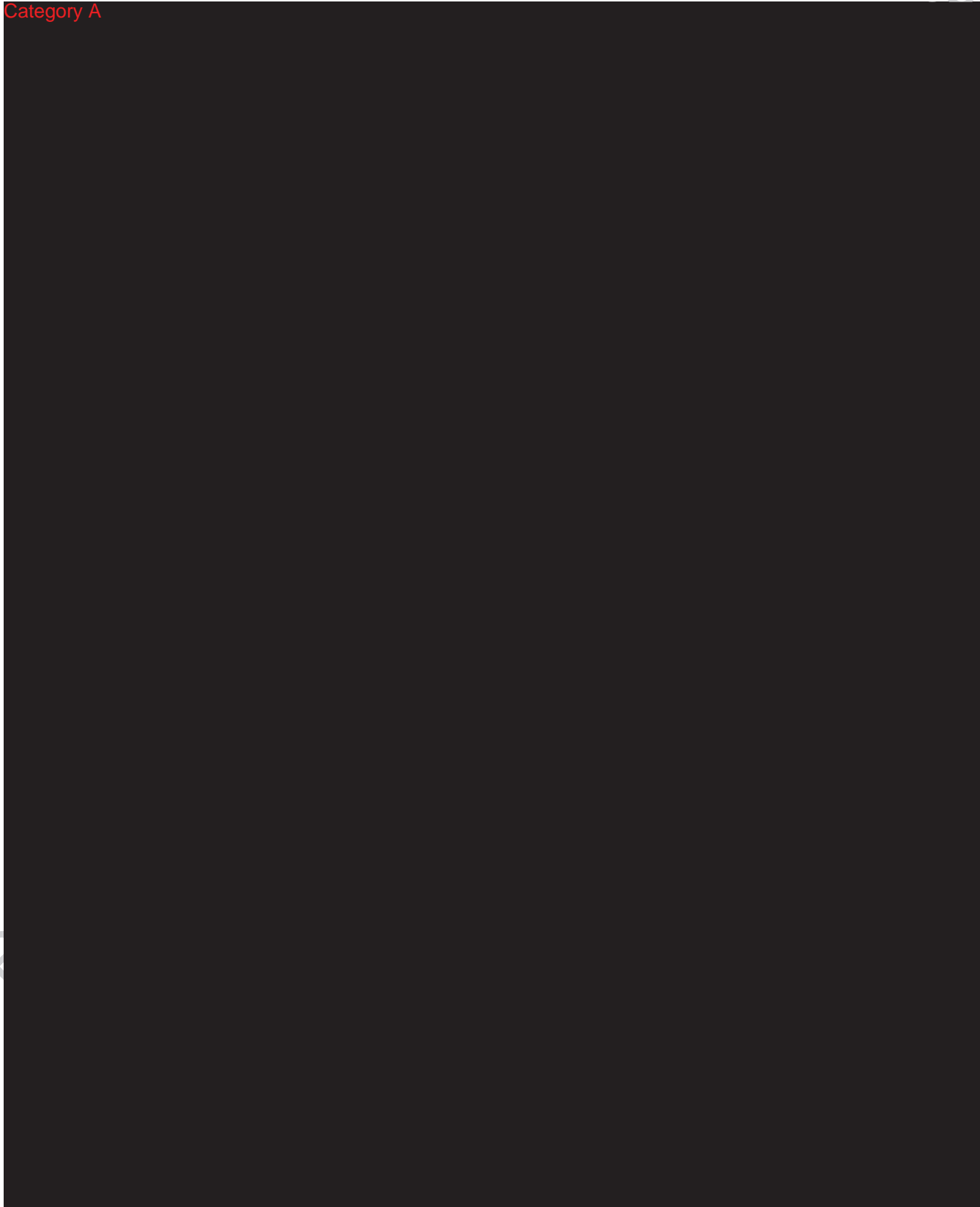
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 42

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 22:36:24 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:33:43 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 43

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 22:46:31 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:39:24 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

Never i use norville po or the beach

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 44

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 23:01:11 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 11:55:30 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

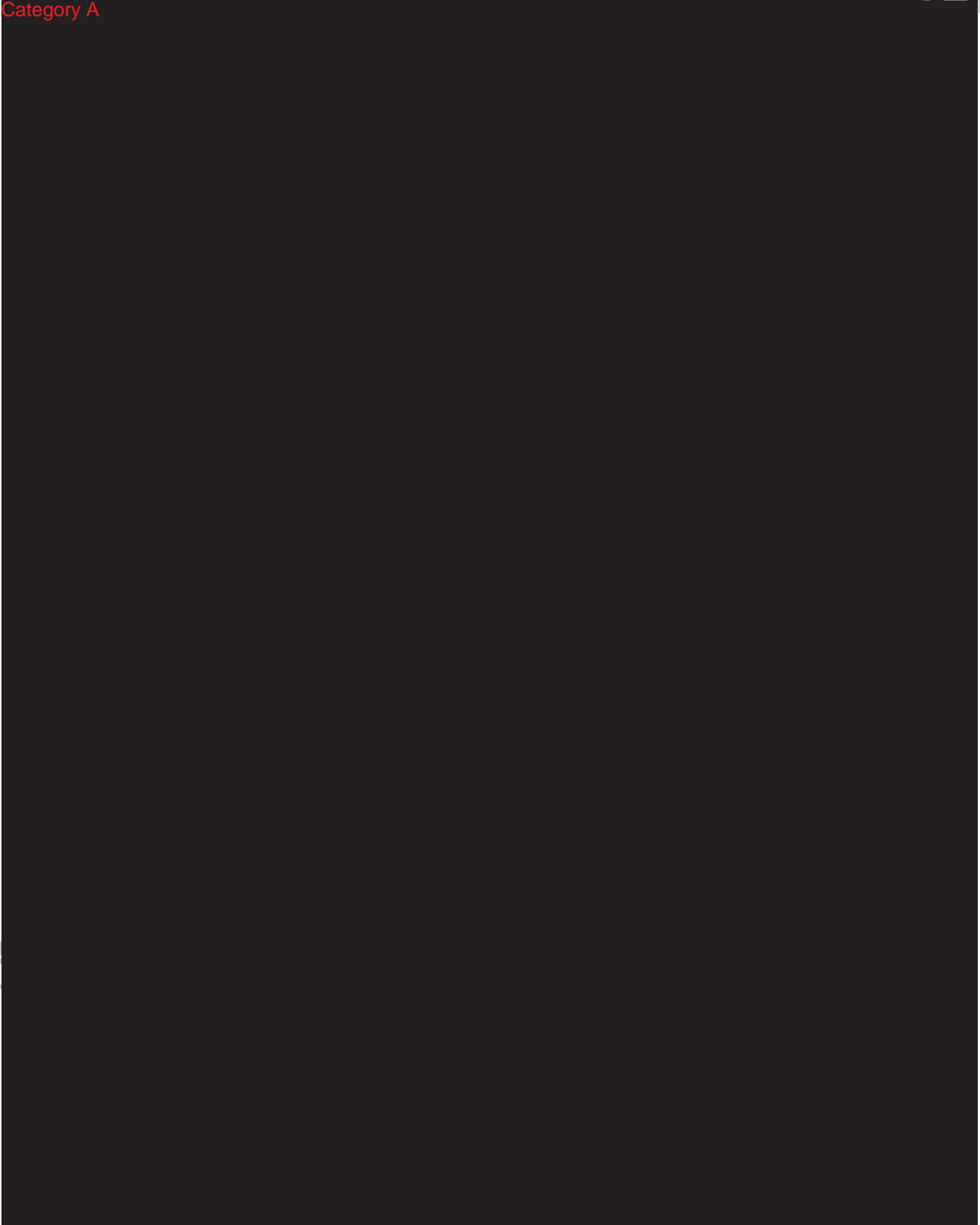
Reasons (please specify)

No out of date and not enough parks.

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 45

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 23:11:31 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 12:05:11 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 46

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 09, 2020 23:14:16 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 12:08:36 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 47

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 23:26:37 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 12:23:24 pm

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A







Respondent No: 48

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 09, 2020 23:53:28 pm

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 12:49:52 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 49

Login: Cat B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 00:10:43 am

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 13:09:20 pm

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 50

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 00:11:21 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 13:07:57 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Other (please specify)

Just to hang and have a good time

Category A





**Respondent No:** 51

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B



**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 01:45:15 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 14:42:45 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 52

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

[Redacted]

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 03:18:30 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 16:12:55 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

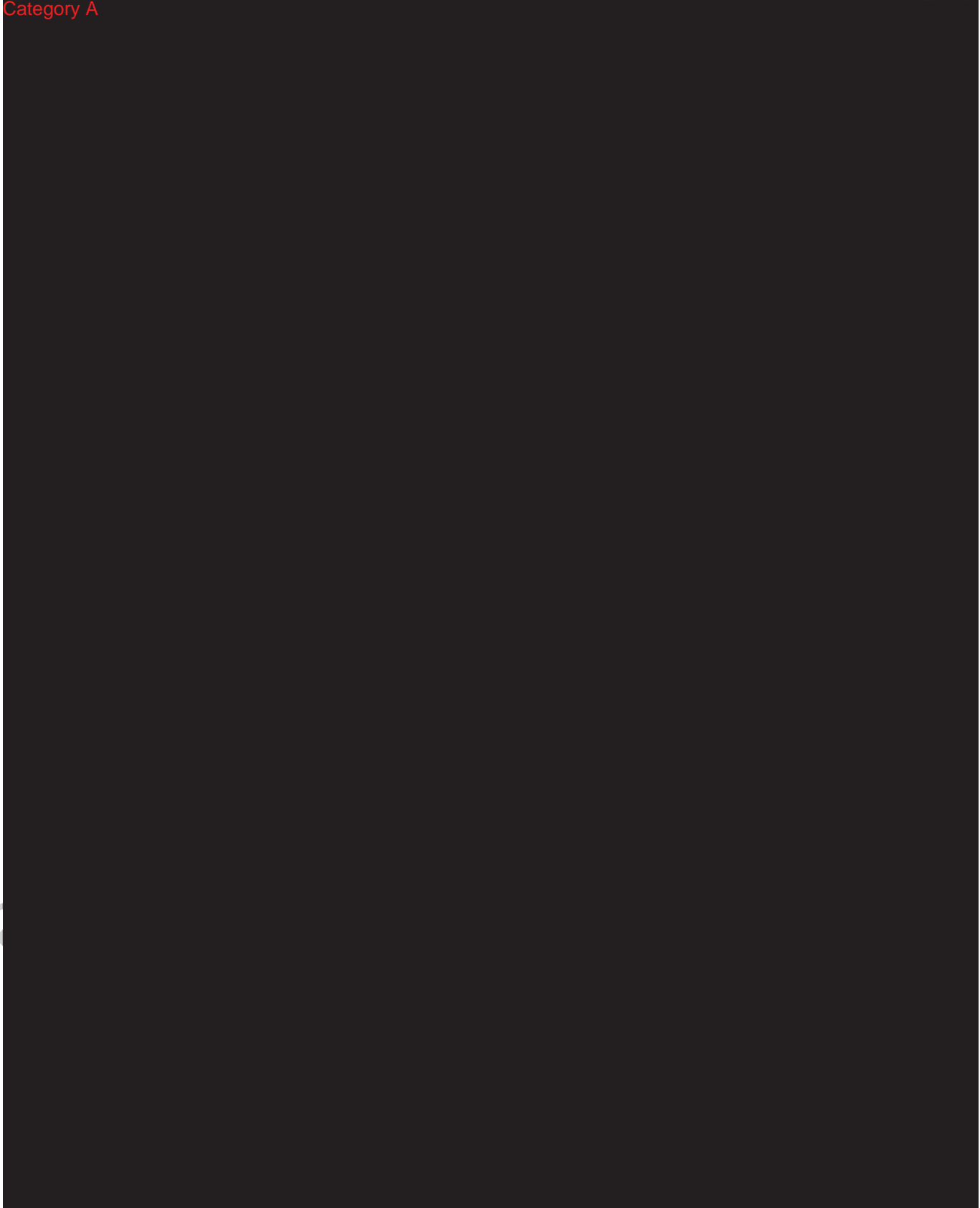
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 53

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 05:21:00 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 18:16:31 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Other (please specify)

Inflatables

Category A





Respondent No: 54

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 06:28:59 am

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 19:23:59 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 55

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 06:33:37 am

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 19:31:24 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A



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**Respondent No:** 56

**Login:** Category B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 07:33:35 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 20:21:25 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 57

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 08:15:00 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 21:11:36 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

**Reasons (please specify)**

No

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 58

**Login:** Category B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 08:47:17 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 21:44:06 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 59

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 09:20:53 am

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 22:18:31 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 60

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 09:29:34 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 22:26:07 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

**Reasons (please specify)**

Haven't been yet since moving to Bundaberg

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 61

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 09:35:04 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 22:32:04 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

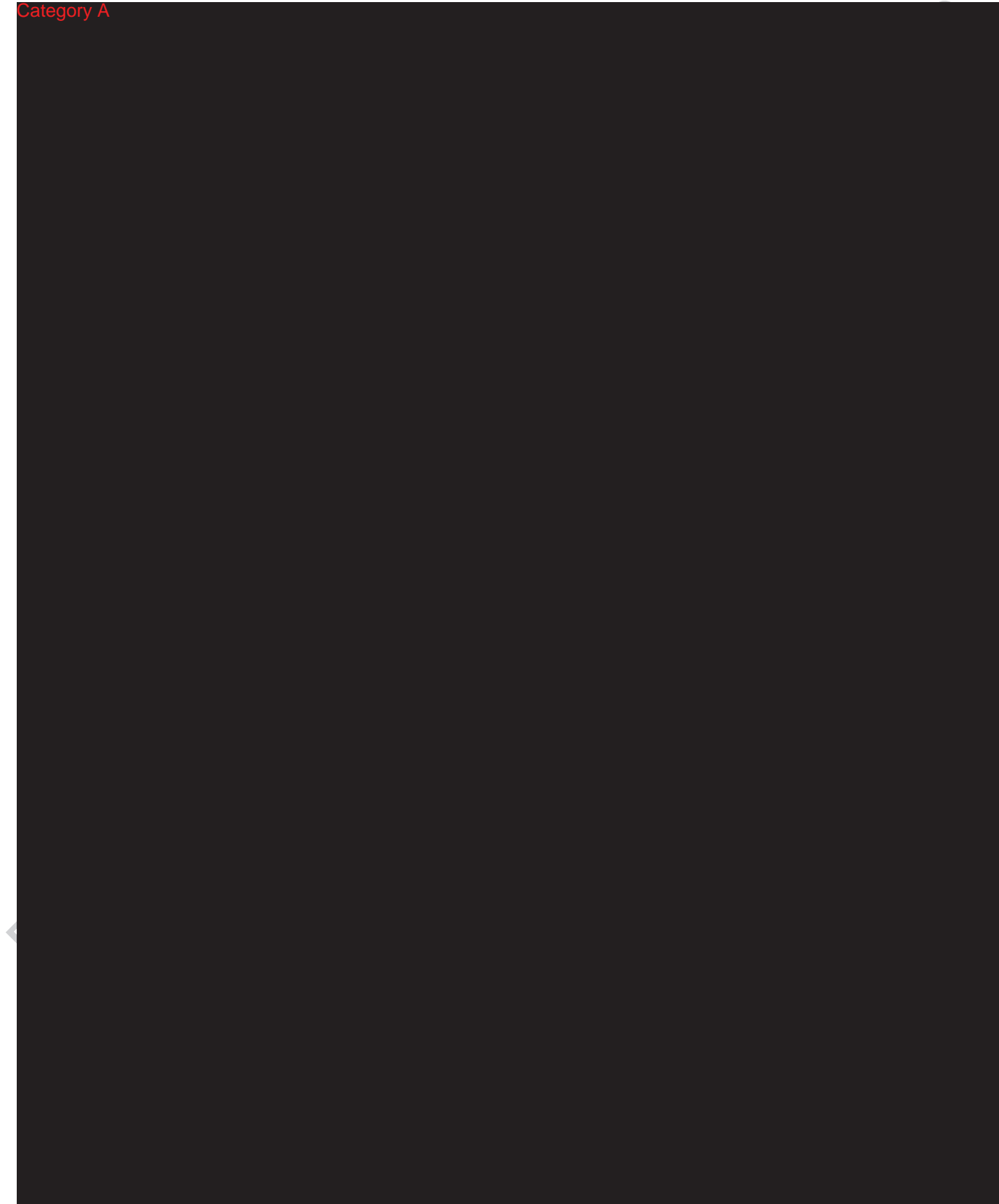
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 62

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 09:39:48 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 22:35:15 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 63

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 10:21:12 am

Last Seen: Dec 09, 2020 23:19:00 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Recreation

Category A







**Respondent No:** 64

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

[Redacted]

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 10:49:53 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 09, 2020 23:47:56 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 65

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 11:14:35 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 00:07:10 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A



**Respondent No:** 66

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B



**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 11:29:03 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 00:25:39 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





**Respondent No:** 67

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 11:50:20 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 00:47:49 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Other (please specify)

Kids to swim

Category A





Respondent No: 68

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 11:57:50 am

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 00:51:58 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 69

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 12:25:07 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 01:20:14 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Other (please specify)

Play date with my son

Category A

B

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**Respondent No:** 70

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 12:31:53 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 01:28:50 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

Yes - at least twice a year

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

Lap swimming

Recreation

**Other (please specify)**

Fun

Category A





Respondent No: 71

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 12:38:54 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 01:35:47 am

IP Address: Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A

B





**Respondent No:** 72

**Login:** Category B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 13:16:18 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 02:11:21 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 73

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 13:46:34 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 02:43:11 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a week

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 74

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 15:44:20 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 04:40:39 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Reasons (please specify)

Only for my child's school swimming which has now finished.

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 75

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**



Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 15:48:43 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 04:46:10 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 76

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 16:24:36 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 05:18:14 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

**Reasons (please specify)**

No I don't use the ANZAC pool as I have my own

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 77

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 16:53:13 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 05:49:30 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A





Respondent No: 78

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 19:14:27 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 08:10:02 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 79

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 19:22:36 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 08:13:42 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A







**Respondent No:** 80

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 19:26:37 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 04:32:05 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A





**Respondent No:** 81

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 19:27:21 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 08:15:09 am

**IP Address:** Category B

**Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

**Reasons (please specify)**

no i am located closer to norville pool

**Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 82

Login: B

Email: Category B

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 19:35:33 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 08:30:58 am

IP Address: Category B

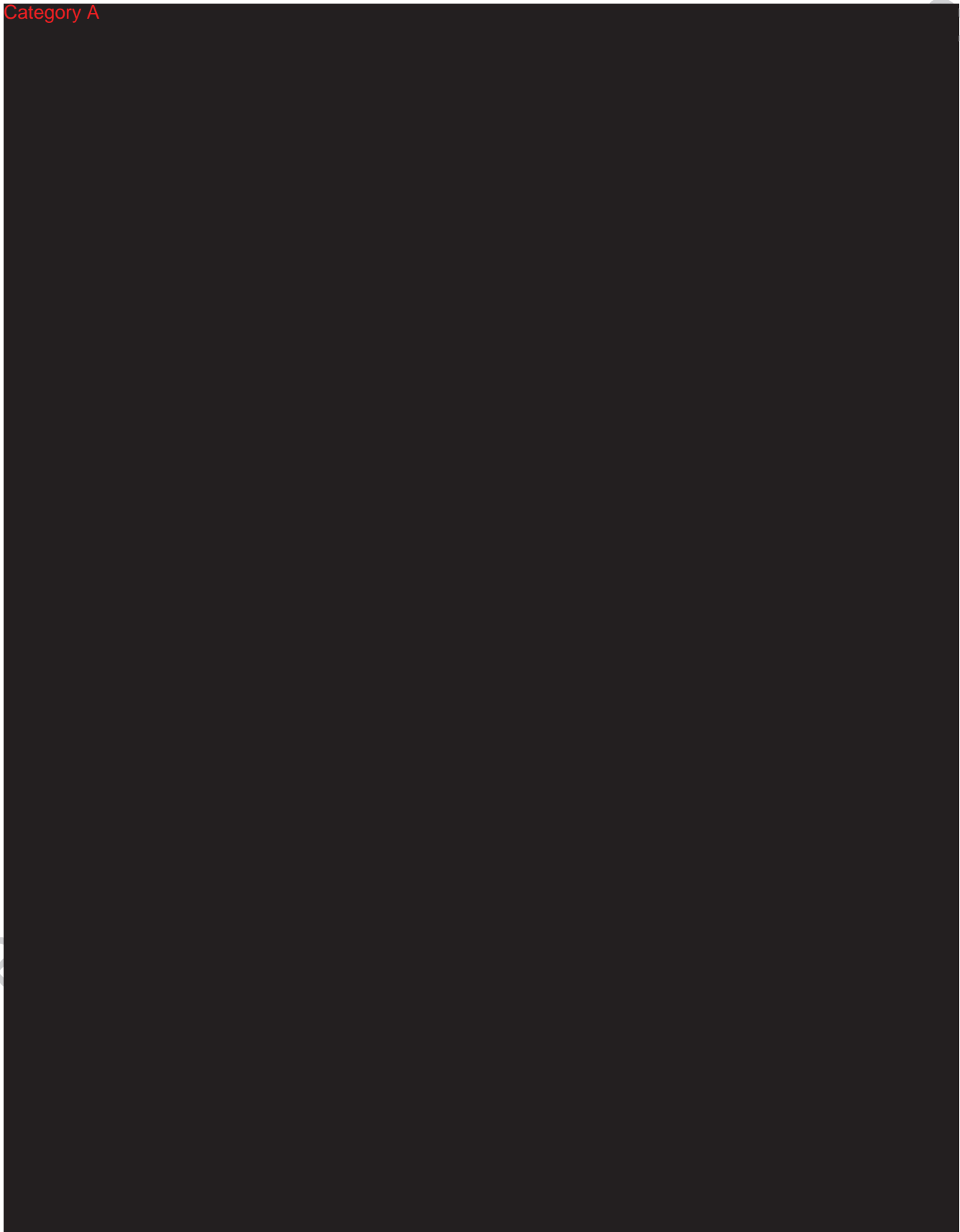
Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 83

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 20:27:30 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 09:24:31 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Lap swimming

Category A





Respondent No: 84

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 20:28:03 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 09:22:57 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 85

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 21:25:00 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 10:23:14 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 86

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 10, 2020 21:25:49 pm

Last Seen: Dec 10, 2020 10:22:27 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 87

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 21:54:05 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 10:50:21 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Recreation

Category A







**Respondent No:** 88

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 23:23:01 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 12:16:08 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? Yes - at least once a month

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 89

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 10, 2020 23:49:21 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 12:46:02 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool? not answered

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for? not answered

Category A



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**Respondent No:** 90

**Login:** Cat B

**Email:** Category B



**Responded At:** Dec 11, 2020 10:40:45 am

**Last Seen:** Dec 10, 2020 23:38:14 pm

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





Respondent No: 91

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 11, 2020 19:11:09 pm

Last Seen: Dec 11, 2020 08:05:58 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

Category A





**Respondent No:** 92

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 11, 2020 19:12:56 pm

**Last Seen:** Jan 12, 2021 05:50:54 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

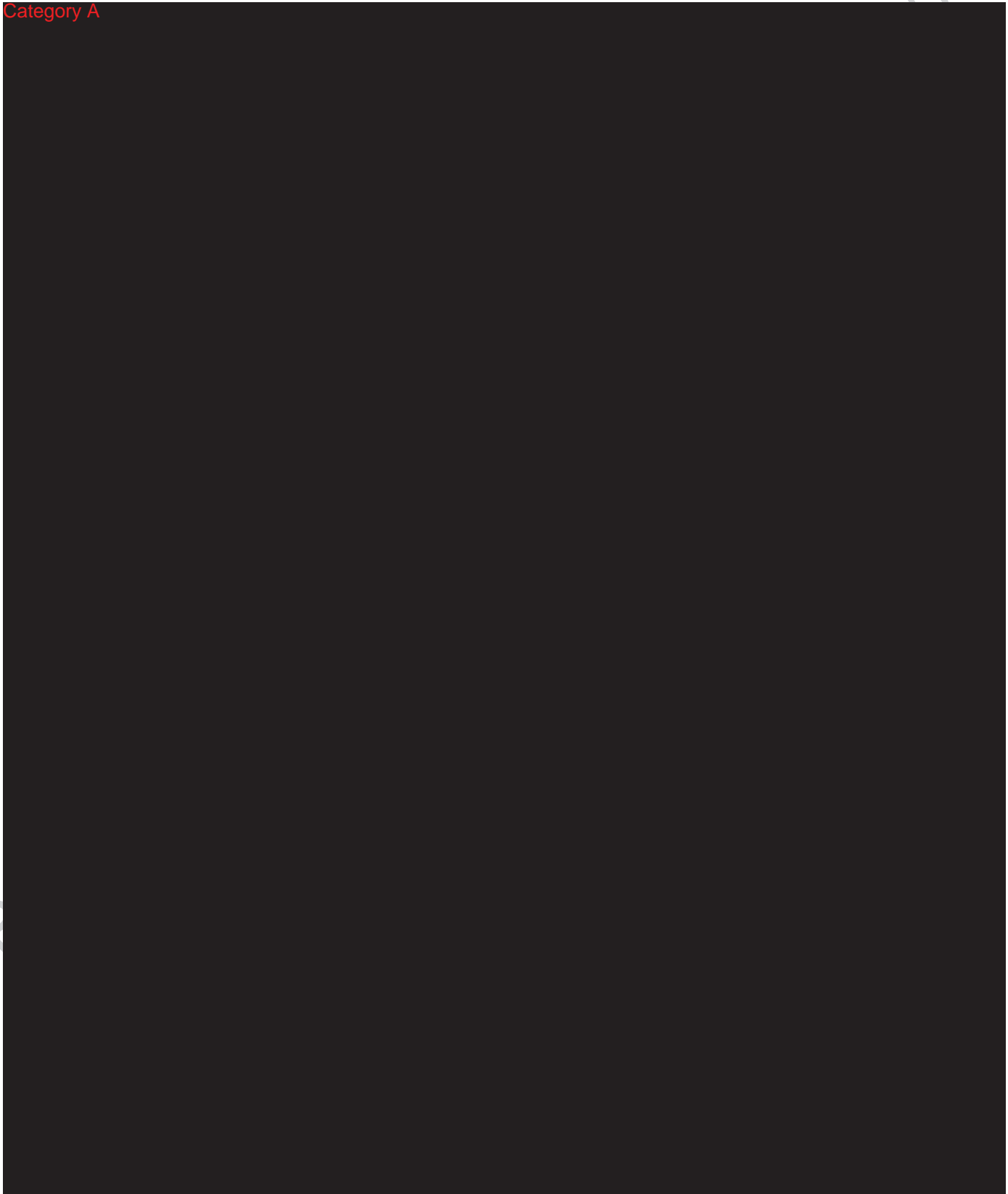
Yes - more than once a week

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Other (please specify)

Exercise & very slow swimming

Category A





Respondent No: 93

Login: **Category B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 11, 2020 20:33:48 pm

Last Seen: Dec 11, 2020 09:30:12 am

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - once a year or less frequently

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Lap swimming

Category A





**Respondent No:** 94

**Login:** B

**Email:** Category B

**Responded At:** Dec 12, 2020 18:32:29 pm

**Last Seen:** Dec 12, 2020 07:27:54 am

**IP Address:** Category B

Q1. **Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?** Yes - at least once a month

Q2. **If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?** Lap swimming  
Recreation

Category A

R

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Respondent No: 95

Login: **Cat B**

Email: **Category B**

Responded At: Dec 13, 2020 08:44:28 am

Last Seen: Dec 12, 2020 21:34:41 pm

IP Address: **Category B**

Q1. Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?

Yes - at least twice a year

Q2. If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?

Recreation

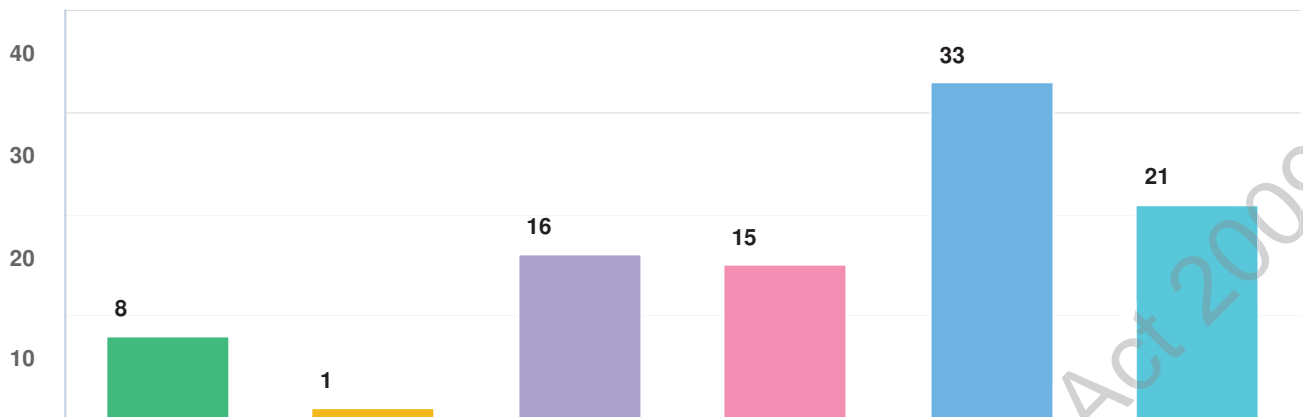
Category A



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**Q1 Do you currently use ANZAC Pool?**

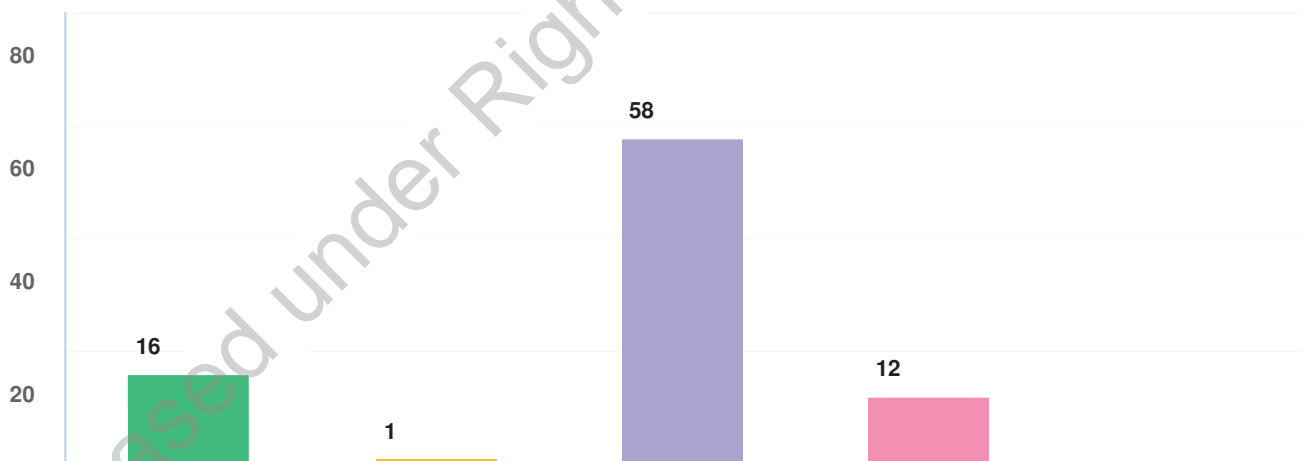


**Question options**

- Yes - more than once a week
- Yes - once a week
- Yes - at least once a month
- Yes - at least twice a year
- Yes - once a year or less frequently
- Reasons (please specify)

Optional question (88 response(s), 7 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question

**Q2 If you visit ANZAC Pool, what do you use it for?**



**Question options**

- Lap swimming
- Club swimming
- Recreation
- Other (please specify)
- Aqua aerobics

Optional question (78 response(s), 17 skipped)  
Question type: Checkbox Question

## Vanessa Langtry

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**From:** Peta Browne  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 July 2022 3:21 PM  
**To:** Hilary Davies  
**Cc:** Tyson McCulloch  
**Subject:** RE: ANZAC Pool, Bundaberg



Hello Hilary

We should be able to scan those images at a higher resolution. I'll send them on as soon as possible or let you know if there are any problems.

Thank you in advance for any information you can share, as mentioned. We will really appreciate that.

Kind regards

**PETA BROWNE**  
Manager Library Services  
Category B



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**From:** Hilary Davies Category B  
**Sent:** Monday, 25 July 2022 11:09 AM  
**To:** Peta Browne Category B  
**Cc:** Tyson McCulloch Category B  
**Subject:** RE: ANZAC Pool, Bundaberg

Hello Peta

Thank you for the sources sent. The one by Curtis (Bundaberg and the Four Elements p.167) is particularly helpful for images. The architect assisting me has asked whether we may have a scan of the page at 300 DPI or higher so he can see the details of the aeration fountain and the background to the diving images.

We are happy to provide the library with additional information we find while researching the pool. We have been able to access plans for the 1956 pool and other information about the development of the site from Queensland State Archives and Qld State Library may also have had additional sources – I will check. We have very short timeframe for this project so hopefully, I should be able to send the information by the end of next month.

Thank you again for your assistance. We would really appreciate the re-scan requested above.

Kind regards,

Hilary

**Dr Hilary Davies**  
Senior Heritage Officer  
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**Attachments:** Bundaberg in Focus (Cullen ed) - Swimming Pools & Baths.pdf

Hi Hilary

Further to the below I found another snippet of info (attached) when I was looking for something else.

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*Anzac Pool (Olympic Pool)*  
*Anzac Park*

Officially opened by Mayor Mr F H Buss on 31st March 1956. Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club staged a swimming carnival to celebrate the occasion. It is a concrete pool, 165 feet x 48 feet with the maximum depth being 11 feet. The dressing sheds were made of brick and the pool had a diving board and diving tower, though these have since been dismantled. The water was from a bore with the overflow going into the gutter before running into the Burnett River. There was no filtration and the bore capacity was 20,000 gallons per hour. The first swimming attendant was Fred Amos. The pool had a total attendance in the first season (8th September 1956 to 12th May 1957) of 106,917.

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**Interior RSL Memorial Pool**  
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*Learners Pool*

Officially opened on Saturday 1st November 1969 by Mayor Ald. C. J. Nielsen. He also unveiled a plaque set in the wall of the new filtration system plant, which with the learners pool cost \$32,000.

*Olympic Pool*

Length shortened to 50 metres from 55 yards to bring it in line with Olympic standards, work beginning in July 1970. Other major improvements planned for 1970 were the provision of a 2 storey entrance building to incorporate a caretakers residence. The old building site had been cleared after demolition to make ready for contractor, Mr J. Murchie to commence. The new block would also provide a cafe, snack bar, office and storeroom. The building improvements, including Architect fees were expected to cost about \$40,000.

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Andy Gludice, Camiel Jones-Gludice and Survivor Gludice enjoy the warm weather at the Anzac Pool. Photo: Mike Scott/NewsMail



Baume Michèle and Ron Goobanko (right) beside the water treatment fountain at the Anzac Olympic swimming pool. Photo: Contributed by Rod Savidge

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Sorya Goobanko contests the state diving titles in Bundaberg in December 1965. Photo: Contributed by Rod Savidge

## First public pool opened in 1880s

Moss-covered and weather-beaten brickwork was all that was left of the city's first swimming pool, the Tantitha St public baths, by the 1960s.

But Garnet Buss remembered learning to swim there decades earlier when it was a modern, flourishing establishment.

The original baths were built by Englishman EW Crowe in the early 1880s and were filled by a continuous supply of fresh water from an underground well.

Admission was a penny per person and it was one of the most popular places for children on weekends.

Competitive swimming started at the pool in 1915 and the Bundaberg Amateur Swimming Club was formed soon after.

Shortly before his death, Mr Crowe passed ownership of the baths to his son Wilfred, who later moved to Gladstone, signalling the baths' death knell.

The Returned Soldiers' Memorial Pool was built in 1923, on the site of what is now the Anzac Park Olympic Pool in Quay St.

The addition of Norville Park Swimming Pool gave Bundaberg a second public Olympic-sized pool.

Residents also enjoy private pools such as the Bundaberg Swim Academy 25m facility, in Fitzgerald St, while other notable venues in the region include the Gin Gin Swimming Pool and the Isis Memorial Pool in Childers - which unusually, is 33.3m in length.

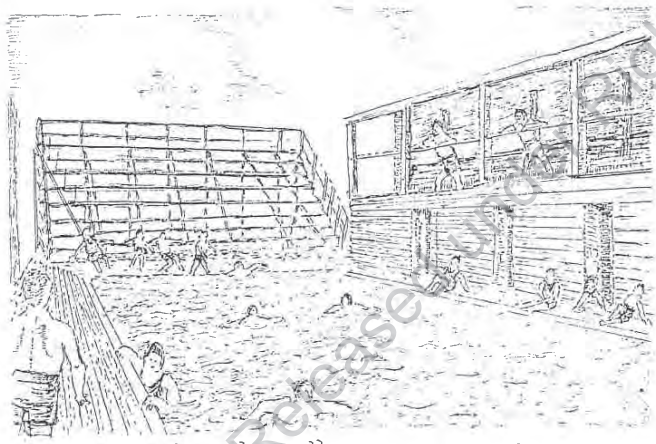
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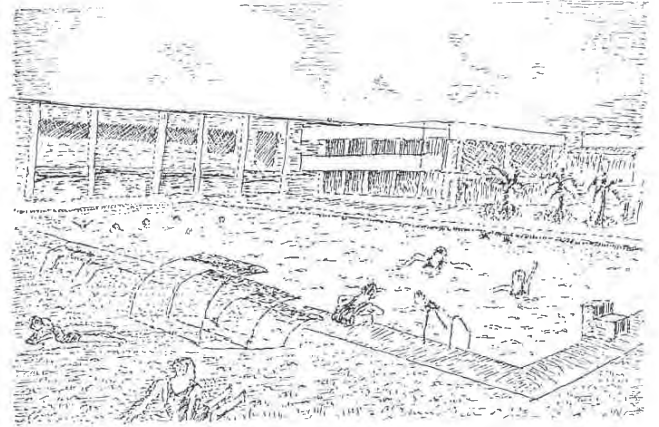
Sorya Goobanko, aged 17, practising on the 1m springboard at Anzac Pool. Photo: Contributed by Rod Savidge

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*Municipal Baths - Anzac Park 1927*



*Olympic Pool - Anzac Park 1957*

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Anzac Olympic Pool, Quay Street, Bundaberg's first 'Olympic' Pool, built by Bundaberg City Council at a cost of £20,000 (\$40,000) in 1955, officially

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opened March 1956. Water supply came from a bore.

Built on a portion of Anzac Park, the Anzac Pool replaced 33yd pool adjoining, called the Memorial Baths' built in 1923 for Bundaberg R.S.L. Sub-Branch and incorporating Sub-Branch premises. It was sold to the City Council in 1937, in return for the adjoining land on which the new Sub-Branch premises were built.

In 1960, Rosemary Lassig, Bundaberg's Silver Medal Olympic swimmer, broke the world record for 110m breaststroke, in the time of 1 min. 21.2 secs. in the Pool. On November 2, 1963, the third and present building was officially opened by the Hon. J.C. Pizzey.



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Category A Set in Anzac Park is a \$50,000 Olympic-scale pool, where Rosemary Lassig broke the world record for the 100m breast-stroke in 1960; this was also a product of the mid-1950s building boom. The district has twenty-five parks which provide the growing

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Next came the Returned Soldiers Memorial Baths, which were built and opened on 25th August 1923. These baths were "Erected to the memory of those who fought in the Great War 1914-1918" says the brass plaque which has been retained at the Quay Street site, now the home of the Bundaberg City Council Olympic Pool.

The baths offered swimming facilities of a then high standard, the pool itself some 30 metres long with dressing sheds on either side, each topped by a three tier public gallery. The R.S.L. gave the baths to the council in exchange for a block of land in 1937.

After school and on weekends in the forties, you could hardly swim more than a few strokes in the pool without bumping into fellow water lovers, who crowded it. Such was its popularity.

With the advent of the school based, "Learn To Swim Campaign", swimming locally grew as a competitive sport. During the late forties and fifties, interest increased to such an extent that swimmers with potential joined coaching squads to improve their techniques and times. Gone were the days when you trained yourself against the large clock mounted on the clubroom's wall at the southern end of the pool.

The B.C.C, Olympic Pool, commonly called the Anzac Park Olympic Pool or Town Pool, opened on 31st March, 1956 on the same site as its predecessor and incorporated the trend to more spacious open facilities in park like surrounds and included at one stage a wading pool for the younger ones in the community.

It was around this time that champion swimmers, Dorothy and Jann Grier as well as Rosemary Lassig emerged and put Bundaberg on the map both Commonwealth and Olympic Games wise. Michele Pearson made her mark in similar competition some thirty years later in the mid eighties.

After being remodelled, and reopened in February 1971, the Town Pool proved to be an even better swimming resource for our city, than before. A

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“Old Life Saver” was commenting on a City Council proposal to erect low level baths at the old ferry cutting. Instead, the Returned Soldiers’ Memorial Baths of 30m were constructed in Quay Street, on behalf of the Bundaberg RSL Sub-branch. In a deal made with Bundaberg City Council during 1937, the RSL exchanged the baths for an adjoining block of land. The Anzac Olympic Pool (50m) replaced the old baths in 1951. In this pool, champion Olympic swimmer, Bundaberg’s Rosemary Lassig, set a (then) world record for 110m breaststroke in a time of 2m 2s. During

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Hi Hilary and Tyson

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Kind regards  
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 Anzac Pool

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Bernie Michels and Ron Gohban (right) beside the water treatment fountain at the Anzac Olympic swimming pool.  
Photo: Contributed by Rod Savidge





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*Sonya Goolbarro, aged 7, practicing on the 1m springboard at Anzac Pool. Photo: Contributed by Rod Savidge*



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Thank you, Peta.

Kind regards,  
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Hello Hilary

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Hello Peta

Thank you for the sources sent. The one by Curtis (Bundaberg and the Four Elements p.167) is particularly helpful for images. The architect assisting me has asked whether we may have a scan of the page at 300 DPI or higher so he can see the details of the aeration fountain and the background to the diving images.

We are happy to provide the library with additional information we find while researching the pool. We have been able to access plans for the 1956 pool and other information about the development of the site from Queensland State Archives and Qld State Library may also have had additional sources – I will check. We have very short timeframe for this project so hopefully, I should be able to send the information by the end of next month.

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