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Facelift for Broome aquatic facility

The Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre is set to undergo a \$3.3 million refurbishment of its aquatic facilities that will upgrade important infrastructure and provide a fresh new look.

The upgrade of the 22-year-old aquatic facility is jointly funded by the Shire of Broome and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation and is scheduled to begin in August 2016 with a construction time of 26 weeks.

The project includes replacing the brick-paved concourse, renewing swimming pool bulk heads and tiling, resurfacing the pebblecrete children's lagoon, improving pool lighting, fully rebuilding the plant room and replacing the plant and filtration systems.

Shire of Broome BRAC Manager, Casey Zepnick, said this would ensure the aquatic facility complied with Health Department standards into the future, and would upgrade aging technology and improve operational efficiency.

"The Shire is committed to renewing the town's sporting infrastructure, and the BRAC aquatic refurbishment joins recent projects including resurfacing the BRAC tennis courts and installing new field lighting at Haynes Oval, and the upcoming resurfacing of the hard courts at BRAC," Mr Zepnick said.

The swimming pool will be closed to the public during the 26 week construction period, but thanks to a partnership with Mercure Broome several of BRAC's fitness programs will continue.

Aqua aerobics will run on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at the resort swimming pool, while swimming lessons will run in term four with a reduced capacity.

The BRAC recreation centre will see no change to operations with dry group fitness classes, the indoor stadium, indoor/outdoor sports courts and fields all available as normal.

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