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Renewed aquatic facility to make a splash

The wait is over for the re-opening of the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre swimming pool following a \$3 million refurbishment.

The swimming pool will open to the community on Monday 20 February after closing for six months while important renewal work was undertaken.

The upgrade of the 22-year-old aquatic facility was jointly funded by the Shire of Broome and the WA Department of Sport and Recreation, and included replacing the brick-paved concourse, renewing swimming pool bulk heads and tiling, resurfacing the children's lagoon, improving pool lighting, fully rebuilding the plant room and replacing the plant and filtration systems.

Shire of Broome Acting Director Community Development, Casey Zepnick, said the aquatic facility would be straight back into action, with the gates opening at 5.45am on Monday, the first aqua fitness class at 8.10am the same day, and swimming lessons starting a week later on 27 February.

"The aquatic facility now has a fresh new look, but large parts of the work have been carried out beneath the surface and in the plant room with upgraded technology that will operate more efficiently and improve safety," Mr Zepnick said.

"It's been a challenging six months with the town's swimming pool closed but we've appreciated the community's patience and understanding while the essential work was carried out.

"Now that the project is completed we can be confident we have an aquatic facility that will continue to comply with Health Department standards into the future."

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