

## THE HEAT IS ON



Three years after it planned to install solar heating at Sandgate's public pool, Council has revealed plans to build a 25m heated pool.

## CAROLS ON BRADBURY

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# Plans for 50m pool dropped

**DISAPPOINTED:** COUNCILLOR DESCRIBES PROJECT AS A MISSED OPPORTUNITY

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INITIAL plans to upgrade the 50m pool at Sandgate have been replaced by a plan to build a new \$3 million 25m heated pool with disabled access, alongside the existing 50m training pool.

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said the Brisbane City Council had entered into a 20-year lease with Sandgate Pool operators Australian Crawl to undergo the works.

Councillor Victoria Newton (Deagon) said she was concerned the 25m pool would not satisfy many of the locals who had been promised a heated 50m pool since 2007.

"I can't see why it (the 50m pool) can't be heated... I'm still pushing for it to be heated and have improved accessibility," she said.

"It's a missed opportunity to have a world-class facility and a missed opportunity for locals."

Sandgate Pool co-manager Ryan Chapman said with the plans yet to be finalised, he

would continue to work with the council to create the best option for the community.

In June 2008, the *Chronicle* reported the council's \$1.48 million plans for heating and better disability access.

However, this week the council revealed that money went towards general maintenance including stopping water leaks to "extend the life of the pool", and building shade structures.

Cr Quirk said locals had identified the need for heated water, better all-abilities access and carpark improvements as needing attention.

"We've worked hand-in-hand with the local community to get this project happening, and we'll continue to consult with them every step of the way as the final plans are put in place," he said.

Other works planned for the pool include improving the learn-to-swim facility, a new gym, and more carparks. The works will start in 2013, and are expected to be staged over two years.

## Outgoing Police Minister proud of PCYC



TOP MOMENT: Neil Roberts at Earnshaw State College, which he helped form. Picture: JOSH WONING

AFTER 16 years as Member for Nudgee, Neil Roberts has decided to step away from politics, calling his involvement in creating the Zillmere Police Citizens Youth Club his proudest achievement.

The Police Minister said that when the suburb lacked a recreation space for young people and grants needed to be funded equally by the Government and the community, securing the Zillmere PCYC was a key achievement.

"I ran a campaign because the Zillmere community didn't have those funds," Mr Roberts said.

He said it was a long process and required plenty of hard work from the community but in 2001, the Zillmere PCYC became a reality.

He didn't expect the move from politics to be easy.

"I'll miss the people - I admire the volunteers the most," he said.

"There's no job offers, nobody's tapped me on the shoulder but I'm 57 in January and have eight years of full-time work ahead of me before I retire."

Mr Roberts said he was proud of his involvement in the creation of Earnshaw State College in 2003, which replaced Nudgee Primary and Banyo High School, and took many community meetings and hard work.

He said the creation of the Australian Catholic University at Banyo and the continued downward trend in overall crime rates in Queensland for 10 consecutive years were other important achievements.

Mr Roberts will quit at the state election next year.

## Traffic woes set to decrease as intersection upgrades near completion

CONGESTION is set to ease when multi-million dollar upgrades at two major intersections at Aspley are completed this month.

Traffic lights at the Graham, Bridgeman and Beckett roads intersection were due to be switched on yesterday.

That project also widened Beams and Graham roads to four lanes and added on-road bike lanes, pedestrian footpaths and U-turn facilities

along Bridgeman Rd. The other intersection in the northside corridor upgrade, where Albany Creek Rd crosses Beckett Rd,

will be finished soon. Brisbane City Councillor Amanda Cooper (Bracken Ridge) said the total cost of works was \$66.3 million.

"We are already seeing benefits to local traffic with the construction of stage one - the missing link between Beams and Carseldine Rd."

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