

Updated on Monday 18 March 2013

The Town of Port Hedland will be providing weekly updates on the Marquee Park and South Hedland Aquatic Centre Redevelopment Project as we continue to work with project contractors and the YMCA towards the completion and opening of both community facilities.

The updates were initially delivered on a daily basis as we had anticipated the facilities were close to opening to the community. The decision to change the delivery time of the updates to weekly, has been based on community feedback and a series of unforeseen events which have delayed the project.

Marquee Park is partially open, with the dry play areas (dry playground, grassed areas, BBQ's) available for the community to use. Water testing for the water-play area will take place over the following weeks, and the opening of this area will be subject to water test results meeting health standards and approvals.

The re-opening of the South Hedland Aquatic Centre is subject to water test results meeting health standards and approvals. Following Tropical Cyclone Rusty, YMCA staff have been cleaning the pools and water-play equipment (BHP Billiton Latitube Wave Rider and aqua tower) to ensure they are prepared for statutory water sampling.

To learn more about the statutory water sampling process, please download our Frequently Asked Questions document from our website.



Marquee Park Splash and Play, South Hedland

- The dry play area at the park opened to the community last week, with toilets accessible from 8am to 6pm daily.
- Community members can contact the Marquee Park Splash and Play caretaker, Ken Else, on 0448 000 309 if they have any concerns or questions when at the facility.
- Residents can now book the grassed areas and BBQ's for private and community events. Please call the Town's Booking Officer on 9158 9638 for more information.
- BHP Billiton Iron Ore have provided additional funding for the installation of additional CCTV cameras, and shade sails over the kids' playground, which will add value and benefit for the community.
- A statutory water sample will be taken early this week, with results expected to be received next week.
- Statutory water sampling will continue over the following weeks to ensure the water-play area meets health standards and approvals.



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South Hedland Aquatic Centre Redevelopment

- Results from the statutory water sample taken on Wednesday 6 March failed to meet health standards and approvals. Whilst the pool had been cleaned of debris and plant matter immediately after Tropical Cyclone Rusty, the weather event still affected the outcome of the results.
- A second statutory water sample was taken on Wednesday 13 March, with results expected to arrive this week.
- Community members may occasionally see YMCA staff in the pools, as they continue to clean and maintain the pools to ensure they are prepared for statutory water sampling. Staff are not using the pools for recreational purposes.



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