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## Air Recirculation Refit for the Bay & Basin Leisure Centre

The Bay & Basin leisure Centre is undergoing a \$ 300,000.00 major refit of the air recirculation system which supplies the pool hall area.

The existing system will be replaced with an upgraded Stainless Steel system by the successful tenderer local contractor Jervis Bay Air Conditioning.

Preliminary work commenced on 8/9/10 and the project is expected to be completed by the 2nd week of October.

During the reconstruction period the Centre will operate as normal. However, the scope of works requires the air recirculation system for the pool hall to be shut down for a period of 3 weeks, during this time the pools will remain open.

Whilst this may cause some discomfort to spectators in the pool hall, Centre Staff will be opening all exit doors during operational hours to encourage natural airflow to minimise any adverse impacts.

Management considered closure of the Centre to be far too detrimental to the needs of the 700 students in the Learn to Swim Program and to tourists and ratepayers over the upcoming holiday period. The stable Spring weather was assessed as the most suitable time to affect this refit.

Leisure Services Manager Jane Lewis, says "all Bay & Basin Leisure Centre programs will operate as normal during the refit and we look forward to a new more efficient system being installed"

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