Our Approach

Big picture objectives

- To undertake an engagement and co-design program with the community that explores the re-imagining of the OLC and provides a new vision and plan for the future of this facility.
- Transform OLC from a leisure and aquatic facility into a space that aligns with communities current and future needs
- Strengthen links and synergies with complementary services and programs in the area

This project involves three main components. These components are interconnected and happening at the same time yet have separate outcomes.

Short term: Activation of Olympic Village Precinct
Activities for the Heidelberg West community commencing in January 2022 that support the reimagining process.

Short to medium term: Re-imagining OLC Co-design Process
A co-design process to re-imagine the Olympic Leisure Centre with the community and key stakeholders with the establishment of a community OLC Co-design Team, chaired by the Ward Councillor.

Long term: Heidelberg West Key Partners Collaborative Working Group
The establishment of a Key Partners Collaborative Working Group to support the Olympic Leisure Centre project and to start exploring and planning longer-term possibilities for Heidelberg West.

Background information & Project Principles

- A timeline of the story so far takes us through the rich history of Heidelberg West and provides key background information that has inspired the approach for this exciting project to come to life.
- Learning from what has worked in the past, the OLC facility will be reimagined for the needs of our Heidelberg West community today, and for long-term benefit. Council values the community and its diversity, and the proud history of advocating for what they need.

Reimagining Olympic Leisure Centre Project Principles

The following principles are aligned with the Banyule Community Vision and will be used to guide the Reimagining project:

- **Sustainable & connected -** in harmony with the natural environment, interfaces with the public realm, supports economic and social prosperity, and is delivered in a financially responsible way.
- **For everyone -** upholds the rights of everyone, creates opportunities to participate, improves access experiences for all and promotes equity.
- **Flexible** - adaptable to meet changing needs; supports intergenerational use; used for multiple purposes; unlocks opportunity for use; promotes innovative uses over time.
- **Transformational –** designed to build community wealth, celebrate culture and history, support people to discover their potential.
- **Predictive & proactive** - proactively responds to the diversity of communities & emerging community need; strives to uplift health, wellbeing & liveability over the long term; achieves ongoing safety and quality standards; integrates new technology to improve useability.
- **Collaborative –** we will pursue initiatives that aspire to achieve significant, community-wide progress on complex, systemic issues by enlisting and engaging key partners to work together toward a shared vision.