



Save Mayfield Swimming Pool Campaign

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Survey Responses

Mayoral Candidate	Party or Group	1. If elected will you work as an advocate in Council to ensure the long term future of Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools?	2. If elected will you propose and/or vote in support of a motion ensuring free entry to Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools for at least a three year trial period?	3. If elected will you propose and/or vote in support of a motion ensuring that promotion of Beresfield, Mayfield, Stockton and Wallsend Pools is equal to that of promotion of Lambton pool, including very large signs on nearby arterial roads?	4. Will all other councillors elected from your party/group of independents answer the above questions in the same way as you?
Aaron Buman	Buman Independents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jacqueline Haines	Ungrouped Independent	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A
Bryan Havenhand	Community 1 Independents	Yes	No (but will support a one year trial of free entry)	Yes	Yes
Jeff McCloy	Ungrouped Independent	Yes	Undecided (not enough homework done)	Yes	N/A
Nuatali Nelmes	Labor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Col Peebles	Clean Sweep	Yes	Yes (with annual reviews)	Yes	Yes
John Sutton	The Greens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Additional Comments

Aaron Buman	none
Jacqueline Haines	This is certainly a service worth campaigning to keep. With the fee increase we chose not to attend our local pool (Stockton) this session unless necessary, however, others are not in this same position ie close access to beach. The proposal has strong financial figures to be no greater than current cost to the NCC, and these figures are not including the hidden community savings via the physical and mental health improvements. A café run correctly would have potential to make a high return with the increased through put. I can see a business model



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	<p>given time to mature could become cash flow positive. JUST AN EXAMPLE – a number of these pools have easy access to level land to install marquees and have temporary function centres to earn more for the business renting the premise etc (Please note this is just an idea). Advertising is definitely required in this situation to get the word out there. We have so many great ideas in our communities, they just need to be harnessed and acted on.</p>
Bryan Havenhand	<p>The Community 1 Independents feel at a bit of a disadvantage regarding the other candidates you have spoken to as they have been on Council and have more information etc. None of us has been on Council and therefore don't have the background they do regarding a range of issues that will have some bearing on this matter. We don't have any information about planned developments at any of the pools, for example. We accept that the current admission prices are too high for local communities. We also accept that full or significant cost recovery is not an option for community pools nor should it be. We've agreed that it's reasonable to have a one year trial of admission free entry (rather than three years) to Mayfield, Wallsend, Beresfield and Stockton swimming pools. We assume this will include school carnivals, group bookings etc including those from outside the area. We think a one year's trial will be enough to base permanent policy on. We're not ready to apply free admission to the Lambton Pool given the development that has taken place but would be open to a review of admission charges, including the option of free entry. In fact, we're in favour of having a review of charges right across all of Council's services, not just pools.</p>
Jeff McCloy	<p>As a long-term sports supporter, I am committed to bringing sport and recreation to families at the lowest possible cost. Councils overall budget deficit is in the order of \$12 million. Cuts and efficiencies need to be made in other areas to bring this budget back to surplus. Free pool entry in other councils does work but there is no supervision at these pools. Newcastle Netball works exceptionally well with volunteers as do all Surf Life Saving Clubs, this needs to be further explored with the community. The commercial viability of canteens and coffee shops in council pools can easily be explored by an expression of interests to the market for such a service. We will then know with conjecture if this can become a real source of revenue. Additional facilities need to be explored, like the recent addition to the Maitland pool. You have my commitment to quickly explore these avenues with consultation and come up with the best solution for the pools in Newcastle City Council.</p>
Nuatali Nelmes	<p>As a lifelong Novocastrian and local mum, I understand the importance of our local pools. My [Labor] team and I will defend public pools and intend to deliver a more sustainable model that includes free entry to all our pools, not just our ocean baths</p>
Col Peebles	<p>My only additional comment on a three year trial would be to add in annual reviews into this length of trial, to measure the results against expected results. While I would expect the benchmarks to be set to be very achievable and have a low probability of not being met, it would allow for some action to be taken within the 3 year period if required.</p>
John Sutton	<p>Newcastle Greens stand on a principle of social justice, which would see us support equal access to services and facilities across the community. On this basis we would be supportive of the concepts expressed by your group.</p>