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AC Baths indoor leisure pool to have partial roof

Taupō District Councillors have decided to keep a partial roof on the AC Baths' indoor leisure pool after consultation and feedback from the community.

The complex is undergoing a refurbishment to rectify errors made in a previous revamp in 2002/03. The design and materials used in the original revamp were not fit for purpose.

Stage two of the project is the indoor leisure pool. The original design put forward for the pool did not include a roof. Further feedback from the community showed a preference for a roof to be kept above the pool to protect swimmers and supervisors from the elements.

The decision by Council yesterday means there will be a translucent roof over part of the building. Council also decided to update the changing room design, providing improved facilities for families and catering for pool users with mobility and disabled access issues. There will be three rooms designed to accommodate people with mobility and disabled access issues. There is also the possibility of specialised equipment for this group, dependant on funding.

Work on the indoor leisure pool is scheduled to begin in April.

Work is continuing and on schedule for the AC Baths' indoor 25m pool building, which is due to be completed in February 2013. The roof has been replaced and work on the internal vapour barrier is nearing completion. The installation of the acoustic ceiling has begun and should be completed by the end of next week. The new internal fit out of the toilets and changing rooms is also underway.

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