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## media release

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### South Bank pools to be open for summer

Brisbane's iconic city beach at South Bank will be closed from today to allow for repairs to be undertaken over winter.

South Bank Corporation Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Snow said maintenance on the Boat Pool and the main lagoon beach area was now underway to ensure that the pools were in good shape for summer.

"Our current drought conditions and colder temperatures have impacted on the ground surrounding the pool structure and on the pool liner," Mr Snow said.

"Earlier this year a pump was installed to capture water coming from a small opening in the pool liner and the water returned to the pool filtration system.

"The cold weather gives us an opportunity to bring forward our maintenance plans to replace the pool liners and undertake other pipe work and upgrades to both pools.

"The pools are seldom used over winter, so it provides us with an ideal opportunity to make sure these important community assets are as efficient as we can possibly make them."

"The Aquativity pool will remain open while the Boat Pool and main Lagoon undergo this makeover, which will include the replacement of the pool liner and upgrade of the pool surrounds," he said.

"It is expected that the makeover will take between 12-20 weeks for both pools to be complete and will cost in excess of \$1million.

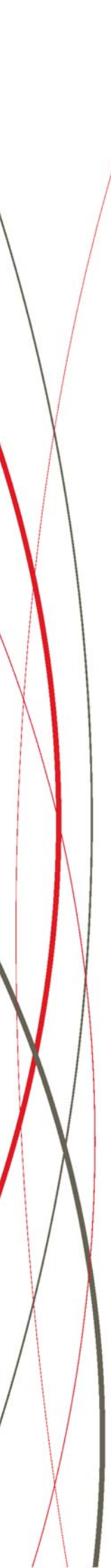
"These repairs and upgrades are part of our long term strategic asset management plan.

"We will be including a disabled access ramp into the Boat Pool as well as improving the landscaping and lighting around both pools.

South Bank Parklands celebrated its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday this month, and it is time to ensure that the pools will be in good shape for another 15 years," he said.

"We expect to have the refurbished Boat Pool open for the start of summer and the lagoon open a little later," Mr Snow said.

"The pool water will not be wasted, and will be used in Aquativity and recycled for Parklands irrigation," he said.



“Many families take advantage of South Bank’s pools and parkland areas, with annual visitation reaching 8.7 million people in the past year.

“Our pool maintenance program will make certain that we continue to be Brisbane’s favourite place for at least another 15 years.

For further information on South Bank Parklands’ attractions please go to: [visitsouthbank.com.au](http://visitsouthbank.com.au) or call the Visitor Information Centre on 3867 2051.

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