

## List of pool sites 'soon'

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WODONGA council staff and consultants involved with the city's aquatic and leisure centre project are finalising a short list of preferred sites for release on February 2.

Mayor Rodney Wangman said he expected three to four sites would be included on the list following an assessment that had been focused on social, economic and environmental issues, together with site design and previous consultants' reports.

"It has been an extensive and worthwhile process, which has particularly taken into account the comments of the community that were given to us during the consultation period late last year," he said.

During that initial consultation, the upgrading of existing swimming pools in Stanley St and at the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre emerged as the overwhelming preference among more than 400 submissions made to Wodonga council.

Most of the 426 respondents ruled out any development at Willow Park, the council's choice for the project when the aquatic centre first came on to its agenda early last year.

Cr Wangman said the short list would be available on the council's website from February 2 and the process by which the council assessed the short list would be explained at two community forums that same day.

He said the two forums would be held at 10am and 6pm and would be advertised extensively before the event.

Cr Wangman said residents were further encouraged to comment by email on [aquatics@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:aquatics@wodonga.vic.gov.au), by phoning council on (02) 6022 9300 or by writing to the council at PO Box 923, Wodonga 3689.



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