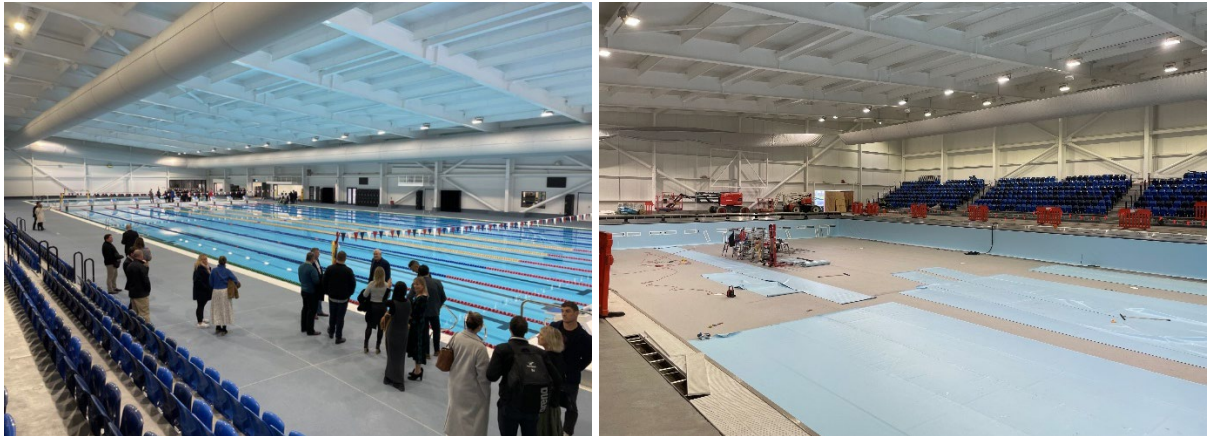


## 2023 Report - Hawke's Bay Sports Facility and Aquatic Centre



Powered by a community trust, local business support, and an excellent construction partner, the outstanding Hawke's Bay regional aquatic centre facility opened in September 2022.

The vision of the Hawke's Bay Community Fitness Centre Trust (HBCFCT) and the determination of the partners involved to bring the centre to life, will benefit the region for decades to come. CIP supported the HBCFCT with \$32 million of IRG funding to work on the construction with build partner Apollo Projects, whose excellent project management and workmanship saw the build and project completed on time and in budget.

The result is a world-class sports and health complex with accommodation and education facilities onsite – enabling events from learn to swim classes through to regional competitions and national swim meets. The pool in the aquatics centre is designed to be compliant to the highest Federation Internationale de Natation (FINA) standards, capable of hosting national and international events including world championships. Since opening, the centre has already hosted the New Zealand Age Group Swimming Championships, the New Zealand Masters' Swim Championship – and secured a contract for one large event each year – bringing tourism and business to the region alongside regular community programming.

Congratulations to the HBCFCT and Apollo Projects team, which have been recognised with two construction awards for the aquatics centre: Best in Category in the Holmes Group Tourism and Leisure Property Award at the 2023 Property Industry Awards and Gold at the 2023 Master Builders Commercial Property Awards.

Features in the complex include:

- An Olympic sized main pool to allow hosting of long course (50m) and short course (25m) events.
- Depth of 2.2m for deep water sports like water polo, canoe polo, triathlon, and deep-water aqua jogging.
- Permanent seating for 840 people and temporary seating to allow for capacity of up to 1,662 (the largest in New Zealand).
- Hydrotherapy centre for rehabilitation and sports performance analysis including two endless hydrotherapy pools and a hoist with access capability of up to 180k.

“It’s incredibly rewarding to see the Hawke’s Bay Regional Aquatics Centre already being used by so many different community groups since it opened. This project exemplifies the can-do attitude and community spirit of projects made possible by Government funding.”