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Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **8 September 2026** requesting the following information:

A late August 2026 media article (not KCDC) stated a deep-water/diving pool will be built at Otaki Pool. The article said KCDC estimated there were 40,000+ potential users. A recent KCDC post said “the deep-water pool ‘will be the only facility of its kind in the lower North Island – supporting water safety, rescue training, waka ama, aquafit, recreation and ‘manu’.”

Information requested under the LGOIM Act:

- 1. Where/ who/ what organisation/ what club did suggestions for a deep-water pool come from?***

The original concept design was presented to both the Ōtaki Community Board and Council in November 2024. In May 2026, staff provided Council with an update on the project, including revised usage data reflecting strong growth in the Learn to Swim programme, updated budgets, and detailed design work that did not include splitting the pool.

During that briefing, councillors asked that staff investigate potential changes to the pool's water spaces and recreational features.

Staff investigated three enhancements:

1. Splitting the main pool into two zones, a 25m lap pool and a warmer 7m programmes pool for Learn to Swim and Hydrotherapy programming.
2. A deep water / Manu pool.
3. A hydroslide.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

2. *Why is there no deep-water pool in the image for Proposed Otaki Pool plan above [referring to the Ōtaki Pool information on Council's website].*

The council's website is being upgraded currently, the new project page will display the reconfigured pool layout on completion.

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/council/projects/our-towns-improvements/otaki/otaki-pool-upgrade/>

3. *Will the pool include a diving tower, as the media article stated?*

A diving tower has not been in any of our considerations or discussions.

4. *Has KCDC an estimate of the deep-water pool build cost?*

A cost estimate of \$1,440,000 was provided to council by staff, this was provided by a professional quantity surveyor, BBD.

5. *Did the LTP 2024-34 include funds for a deep-water pool at Otaki?*

No, the decision to add the deepwater / Manu Pool was made on 3 September 2026.

6. *If not, when was funding for a deep-water pool allocated? How much?*

The additional funding of \$1,440,000 was allocated on 3 September 2026.

7. *Has KCDC estimated the number of potential users?*

Council has not estimated the number of potential users for the deep water/ Manu Pool in isolation. However, Ōtaki Pool patronage is reported as 73,700 in the 2025-26 year, an increase of 65% in the last 3 years. Facility patronage is estimated to increase by 15%.

8. *Who did the estimate, KCDC or contractor?*

KCDC staff have assessed this using publicly available population growth statistics available at <https://www.infometrics.co.nz/>

9. *Where would the pool be positioned?*

The deep water / Manu pool will be constructed within the footprint of the existing toddler's pool.

Ngā mihi,



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