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**PARKES SHIRE POOLS STRATEGY CONSULTATION PHASE
UNDERWAY - HAVE YOUR SAY**

Works on the Parkes Shire Pools Strategy by the Strategic Leisure Group is well and truly underway, with the consultation phase in progress now. Don't miss out on your chance to have your opinions heard.

Public meetings have already been held in Parkes, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore. In addition, community surveys have been distributed to over 1,500 randomly selected residents, existing user groups surveyed, and focus group sessions conducted at schools in Parkes, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore as one of the ways of involving young people in the study.

"As young people are significant users of aquatic facilities we are very keen to get their input for this study." Parkes Shire Mayor, Cr Ken Keith said. "In Strategic Leisure Group's discussions with students at schools and in public meetings, the opportunity for young people to express their views on-line has been emphasised."

But there are many more opportunities for residents, students and parents to have their say. You can complete an on-line survey by simply going to the Parkes Shire Council web page (www.parkes.nsw.gov.au) and follow the link to the pools survey. You can also find a link on the website to Facebook, or just search for "Parkes Shire Pools Strategy" or parkes@strategicleisure.com.au, and post a comment on the wall. Or you can contact the consultants engaged by Council to assist with this project – Strategic Leisure Group – directly by emailing parkes@strategicleisure.com.au or phoning 1300 734626 (local call cost).

Remember, the aim of the Strategy is to examine realistic, affordable and sustainable improvements to facilities or services at for the four swimming pools in the Shire (Parkes, Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore), that will best cater for community needs, now and into the future. When completed, the Strategy will guide the Council in the long term development and management of all four pools.

"I encourage everyone to get involved in this important project," Mayor Cr Keith reiterates.

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