

OPENING OF THE NEW ROOFED  
NAENAE POOL COMPLEX  
AND ZOOM TUBE



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# NAENAE OLYMPIC POOL

Naenae Olympic Pool is now New Zealand's fourth olympic size indoor pool and is currently the only facility in the Wellington region with both 50m pool and competition diving facilities. The complex now boasts the first fully enclosed waterslide in the lower North Island, and is expected to attract up to 600,000 visitors in its first year of operation.

With the excellent facilities offered at Naenae, Huia and Stokes Valley pools, Lower Hutt City Council is playing a leading role amongst local authorities in providing for the community's growing leisure needs.

The pools offer enormous scope for the development of Lower Hutt City as a major centre for national, and also international swimming events.

## HISTORY

Naenae pool was opened on 10 November 1956. At the time of opening, it was the first deck level pool in the Southern Hemisphere. The pool was built as a result of Council's policy to provide cultural, social and sporting amenities for the state housing areas of Naenae, Taita and Epuni, but it also hosted several national championship events in the early years.

In 1959 the world 100m breaststroke record was broken by Mr Shigamatu, a member of a visiting team from Japan.

In the early 1960's, world champion Australian swimmers John and Elsa Conrad visited the pool, and shortly after them came Australia's Dawn Fraser who later held three world titles.

Roofing of the pool was first considered by Council in 1970, but did not proceed because of difficulties in raising finance.

Council again decided to roof the pool in 1983, and contractors started work in August 1985. By mid 1986 the roof was completed and the waterslide tower was under construction.

Refurbishing of dressing rooms and offices completed the project.

## THE POOL ENCLOSURE

The new arched roof is supported by glue laminated timber beams. It is fully insulated with fibreglass batts, which are behind a polythene vapour barrier. The ceiling surface is finished with acoustic boarding to minimise noise levels. Both end walls are double-glazed for effective insulation, and maintenance free aluminium joinery has been used throughout.

Ventilation and heating equipment has been installed, and will maintain the air temperature within the pool enclosure at a steady 26°C.

Pirelli tiles have been laid throughout pool surround and dressing room areas, giving an attractive and safe nonslip floor surface.

## ZOOM TUBE

Naenae's new 'Zoom Tube' is the first fully enclosed waterslide in the lower North Island, and at 101m is also the region's longest slide. The 1.2m diameter fibreglass tube starts at a height of 10.5 metres above its catch pool, and the thrilling ride lasts for 25-30 seconds.

## ENTRANCE AREA

The pool entrance area has been renovated to create a larger office. This now accommodates racks for clothing bags, providing safe custody for all patrons clothing and valuables.

## DRESSING ROOMS

These have been extensively refurbished, with new lighting, ventilation and heating, and hot water system.

Two private rooms are now available for the use of disabled patrons, and a new lift has been installed to give easy access from these dressing rooms to the poolside.



## OPENING DAY PROGRAMME

- 10.00am Canoe Polo
- 10.30am Official Opening Ceremony  
MC Roger Gascoigne  
His Worship the Mayor Mr T.G.G. Evans  
Sir David Beattie GCMG, GCVO, QC  
will open the pool and turn on the waterslide.
- 11.00am Public Entertainments in the pool  
The Flying Zucchini's  
clowning and acrobatics  
Synchronised Swimming  
Relays: Naenae Swimming Club and  
Hutt Swimming Club
- 12.30-3.30pm Musical Entertainments at Hillary Court  
Valley Stompers  
Michael Warmuth - Hammer Dulcimer  
Kahoots Jazz Band

## HOURS OF OPENING

Main Pool —	Weekdays	6am - 9am 10am - 9pm
	Saturdays	10am - 9pm
	Sundays	10am - 8pm
Zoom Tube —	Daily	12pm - 2pm 3pm - Closing time and other times by group request.