



Better access to Kenilworth Swimming Pool

Thanks to a grant from the Sunshine Coast Council patrons with mobility difficulties will find it easier to enter and exit the Kenilworth Swimming Pool.

Last season it was noted by pool staff that some patrons, with physical issues or undergoing aqua physio therapy, found it difficult to access the water via the current ladders used by the general population. After some research by staff, on the most achievable method of relieving this situation, the committee agreed that having a light-weight, mobile set of stairs constructed was the way ahead.

After approaching Sunshine Coast Council with a proposal for financial assistance to obtain stairs, council agreed that a definite need existed and came to the party with a grant for the full cost of the stairs.

The stairs were custom made for the pool, by Call Pancho, out of light weight aluminium and have wheels under the base allowing them to be moved in and out of the pool easily when required. The hand rails and checker plate foot pads will add grip and security for those who need it.

The stairs have been tested to 105kg by a pool volunteer staff member who said he felt no sign of the movement at all. This staff member has an ambulatory disability and found it much easier to get in and out of the water than he has in past seasons.

The Kenilworth Swimming Pool Association Inc. would like to thank the Sunshine Coast Council for grant that assisted with the purchase of these stairs.