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# Planning for Mission Beach pool

The incredible contribution of Maureen Norris, founding member and past secretary, and Paul Roxby, past president, were acknowledged at the annual general meeting of the Mission Beach Aquatic and Recreation Club.

The wait for an aquatic facility at Mission Beach continues but there is now a positive light that it will be built, possibly within two or three years.

Ken Gray was elected as MBARC's president and Coralie Kemp as treasurer-secretary.

"Mayor Bill Shannon opened the meeting and he said he was quietly confident of the town's chances at funding after such a long wait," Mr Gray said.

"He said the Cassowary Coast Regional Council would probably stage their contributions over three years and would certainly listen to the community before finalising designs.

"A lively audience debated design options and CCRC's Community Services Director, Julie Murphy, outlined reasons for the MARC's Park site selection and the 25 metre pool design.

"Extensive community research shows the main use for the facility will be family recreation.

"While a 50m pool or an eight lane 25m pool is on the wish list that would mean a sports focus alone with no recreation water for the wider community.

"A new Hervey Bay water play facility known as 'Wetside' was discussed.

"This facility, opened in November 2009, has modern environmental and educational features using water jets on a flexible concourse.

"Up to 3,000 people use Wetside each day so this could be the ideal formula to make the Mission Beach facility really work."

Other politicians at the meeting were Bob Kater (who prefers the pool be next to the beach) and Crs Jennifer Downs and Bill Horsford.

Anyone interested in the designs or wishing to join MBARC or have a say can contact Coralie Kemp on 4068 8941 or email [info@coraliez.com.au](mailto:info@coraliez.com.au)