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## Media Release

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### **YMCA announced as preferred operator of South Australia's new \$100 million aquatic centre**

The South Australian Government has announced the YMCA as the preferred operator of the new, state of the art aquatic and leisure centre, located in Marion.

The new centre, set to be named South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre is FINA compliant and designed to host both national and international aquatic events.

YMCA spokesperson Peter Schwarz said the Y is honoured to be partnering with the South Australian Government to manage the South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre.

"The YMCA is extremely excited to have been engaged to manage and operate this world class facility, and is committed to delivering excellence in the programs and services to be offered at the centre, for all South Australians," he said.

"South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre is here for everyone, from recreational and community users to the elite. We're very excited about the prospect of having both our current and future champions of swimming, diving and water polo, training and performing at the centre," he said.

"We're now very focused on getting everything ready and in place- including recruiting 250 new staff members to open the doors of South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre to the community, and the world."

Mr Schwarz added that the YMCA has over 150 years of experience in providing recreational opportunities to Australians, and shares the South Australian Government's commitment to encouraging community engagement in physical activity to enhance quality of life.

The \$100 million facility includes a 52 metre swimming pool, 55 metre water polo and diving pool, fixed and springboard diving platforms, two thermal hydro spas, a polar chilled hydro spa as well as two giant waterslides and a well-equipped health club and group fitness studio.

The project is funded by the South Australian Government in association with the City of Marion and the Australian Government.

For more information about employment opportunities at South Australia Aquatic and Leisure Centre, go to [www.sportspeople.com.au](http://www.sportspeople.com.au).

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Interviews available with Peter Schwarz on request.

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