

The Vault: emails on cost of swimming pool tiles

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This email exchange between Bluestone and the Warrnambool City Council relates to our piece on the \$178,000 cost of upgrading the changerooms at the Warrnambool pool (Aquazone), which included retiling, replacing mirrors and toilet partitions:

Is it correct that:

1. The cost of the tiling and associated works in the male and female changerooms has escalated from \$120,000 to more than \$180,000?

If so, what is now the expected cost of these works?

(See story from Nov 2014 which refers to \$120,000 project: <http://www.standard.net.au/story/2709187/temporary--change-rooms-for-aquazone-pool-upgrade/>)

No. The contract awarded to (name removed by Bluestone) last year was \$178,000 for stages 1 and 2.

(Figure provided to Standard a year ago is likely to have referred to an earlier estimate)

2. Has the contractor had to go back and repair or change work in the male changerooms already completed as part of the contract?

Yes. Some rework on the male changerooms was carried out and work deferred on stage 2 until this was completed.

3. Who is the contractor completing this work?

(name removed by Bluestone)

4. When is the project expected to be completed?

Stage 2 will be completed by the end of November.

Thankyou.

I just want to clarify, if possible, when the \$120,000 budget figure quoted in the Nov 14 story changed to \$178,000?

The reason I ask is because, obviously, when this story was published, the work was already underway.

– Cheers,

Carol

Hello Carol,

The contract was always \$178,000.

I can't recall the explanation for the \$120,000 quoted at the time but it is likely that it was either an old figure or it might have related to a component of the project eg cost of materials or cost of labour, or it could have been me not reading correctly my scrawled notes.

My mistake, shouldn't have responded to the question at the time without double checking but the reporter at the time had said the story was focused on addressing concerns around the inconvenience of the temporary changerooms, not about the cost of the project.

The figure in the Standard story is wrong but it was not the fault of the

reporter.

Thanks for that clarification – and I know how these things can happen. Just a final question on this, is it still on budget at \$178,000? ie. is that the final figure given the project is coming to an end shortly?

Cheers –

Carol

Hello Carol,

Final settlement has yet to be made with the contractor and won't be until the project is completed and our engineers are satisfied with the work.

Got it. Thankyou.

– Cheers, Carol