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South Perth needs an aquatic centre: MHR

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SWAN MHR Steve Irons is campaigning for a South Perth aquatic centre, believing there is strong community appeal and support.

Mr Irons said local residents should have the same facilities as ratepayers in nearby areas and that the City of South Perth should initiate the project.

"At present, residents in the Manning, Karawara, Como, Waterford and Salter Point areas have no access to local aquatic facilities," he said.

"Aquatic centres are hubs of community life."

Mr Irons said an aquatic centre could be built at the George Burnett Leisure Centre in Karawara, with such projects usually attracting considerable state and federal funding.

Manning ward councillor Travis Burrows said he believed the centre could be suitable for an aquatic centre.

"The leisure centre is set to be expanded under the Manning Community Hub proposal and an aquatic centre could be based there," he said.

"A facility is lacking partic-

ularly in the Manning area and I think it would benefit the local community."

South Perth Mayor James Best said the community did not consider the facility a priority.

"As part of the intensive community consultation of the City's strategic plan, an aquatic centre wasn't included as part of the community's priorities," he said.

"The City therefore has no plans to establish an aquatic centre. There are a number of terrific venues in and around the City that offer aquatic facilities."