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## media release

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### **South Bank showcases world-first pool technology**

South Bank Corporation is leading the way in implementing world-first technology for the Parkland's iconic city beach and pools.

The refurbishment work to the pool system that started in July has allowed a new pool lining to be used that will immediately save water once filled.

South Bank Corporation Chief Executive Officer Malcolm Snow said the Corporation took steps to ensure that the pool system's refurbishment would guarantee that less water would be used through improved technology.

"The pool and plant room upgrades will reduce backwash, improve the transfer of water through the pool system, as well as prevent minor leaks," he said.

"The technology behind the new water proofing coating in the pool's lining is literally seamless which is a significant advantage for such a high-use pool.

"Once the pools are ready to be re-filled the Corporation will ensure that they meet Level 6 water restriction requirements set by Council and the Queensland Water Commission.

The Corporation has contracted TA Taylor Australia, the nation's leading provider of polyurea products, to undertake this phase of the maintenance work.

TA Taylor Australia General Manager Doug Geddes said the pure polyurea coating system, the most advanced product of its kind in the world, solves the problems inherent in past lining systems.

"The product we are using in the Parklands at South Bank is generally used in industry and for extreme applications and we are finding that it is the most popular product for drought-proofing projects throughout the country.

"South Bank's pool upgrade is probably the largest application of this technology for a leisure installation in the world.

"In setting out their requirements for the upgrade they have ended up with the most advanced product on the market and that will result in efficiencies and water saving."

The environmentally friendly product is inorganic with no volatile organic compounds and has an anticipated life of 80-100 years.

"The pools are an important community asset so we are delighted that this round of maintenance will make them as efficient as we possibly can," said Mr Snow.

The Corporation estimates that the maintenance will cost in excess of \$1.5 million. It includes a disabled access ramp into the Boat Pool as well as improving the landscaping and lighting around both pools.

The Corporation scheduled the maintenance to coincide with winter. The beach and the boat pool are currently closed and are being prepared for a reopening in time for summer.

"Many families take advantage of South Bank's pools and parks with annual visitation reaching 8.7 million people in the past year," said Mr Snow.

"Our pool refurbishment program will make certain that we continue to be Brisbane's favourite place."

For further information on South Bank Parklands' attractions please go to: [visitsouthbank.com.au](http://visitsouthbank.com.au) or call the Visitor Information Centre on 3867 2051.

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*EDITORS PLEASE NOTE: A demonstration of the liner's application will be available to media at 12.30pm today on site at Streets Beach.*

*Access to the work site will be available providing appropriate footwear is worn.*

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