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Parakiore Recreation and Sport Centre



## **Final exterior wall**

The big change on site since our last update is the closing in of the southern wall.

This wall at the end of the pools building is made up of a row of five and 12-metre-tall panels, with the latter weighing close to 130kg each. From the ground to the roof this end of the pools building stands at 21 metres, to cater for the partially raised diving pool, competition dive tower and the lighting and services above.







Before the exterior wall panels could be installed the steel to support the dive tower staircases had to be delicately lifted into place from the outside of the building. The steps and handrails can now be added to the tower from inside of the building.

At the southern end of the central entry area the push has been on to get all the glazing in before the break.

This is the main entry area if you were approaching from the Moorhouse Ave end of the facility.







Inside the pools building the birdcage scaffolding has largely been removed, revealing the fabric ceiling and the sheer size of the space. In the photo you can make out the outline of the 50metre competition pool with the dive tower on the right-hand side.

Looking north from the poolside grandstand, you can see all the glazing has now been installed for the wall that separates the competition pools from the leisure water area.

## Looking ahead

While the facility is now about 75% complete, undoubtedly this year has not been as productive as we all would have liked.

We have made good progress in the past couple of months on the best way forward for the project and will share more on this in the new year.

As always, our focus remains on getting Parakiore complete as soon as possible for the people of Canterbury to enjoy.

Have a great break.



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