



Competition pool liner installed



One of the most striking recent changes at Parakiore has been the installation of the liner for the 50-metre competition pool.

Once the necessary fittings are installed into the liner for the water filtration system, the first watertightness test will be conducted. This will involve filling the pool with about 300mm of water initially, followed by a more substantial fill.



Similarly, the liners are now in place in the shallow water and deep water leisure pools in preparation for testing.



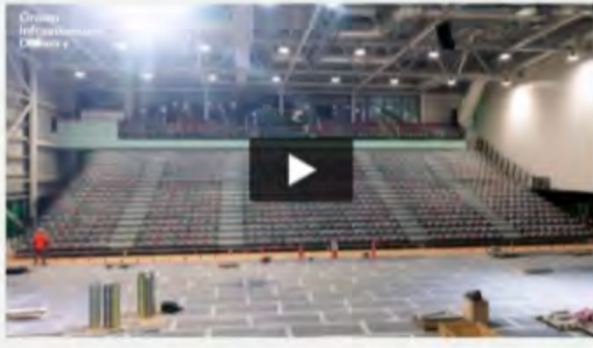
On the aquatic play tower, work is underway to install the safety netting beneath the structure and slides. This will be followed by the addition of the water toys and other features to the play area.

Beside the play tower, installation of the runouts for the five eel-inspired hydrosides is also underway.



Retractable grandstands installed

Some of the largest retractable grandstands in New Zealand are now operational around the Show Court. You can see them in action in this video.



First spaces nearing finish line



High Performance Sport New Zealand's area is on track to be one of the first completed spaces in the facility.

With its large kitchen, treatment, recovery, and changing areas, the space will be an impressive new home for our elite athletes.



The HPSNZ level also includes an indoor 60-metre running track, throwing cage, and gym. These areas are also in the final stages of construction.



A level above, on the second floor of Sports House, workspace is also nearing completion, as we head towards the facility opening in late 2025. Sports House will be the home of Sport Canterbury and other sporting bodies.



Design intent



With the facility looking more and more like the finished product every day, it's a good chance to reflect on why Parakiore is what it is.

In this video, architect Peter Marshall explains what they set out to achieve with the design.

Community courts

One of the key features of Parakiore is its adaptability, and at the moment, various hoops and their connections to the floor are being tested.

As seen from the line marking pictured, you can clearly see how many sports this space caters for.

- Basketball:** Black
- Netball:** White
- Volleyball:** Green
- Futsal (recreational):** White
- Futsal (International):** Blue
- Korfball, Floorball, Handball:** Blue
- Badminton:** Yellow

