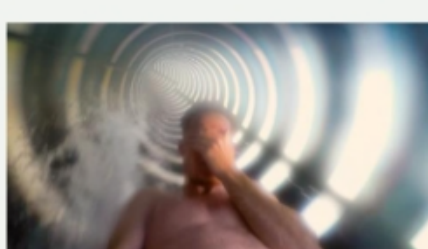




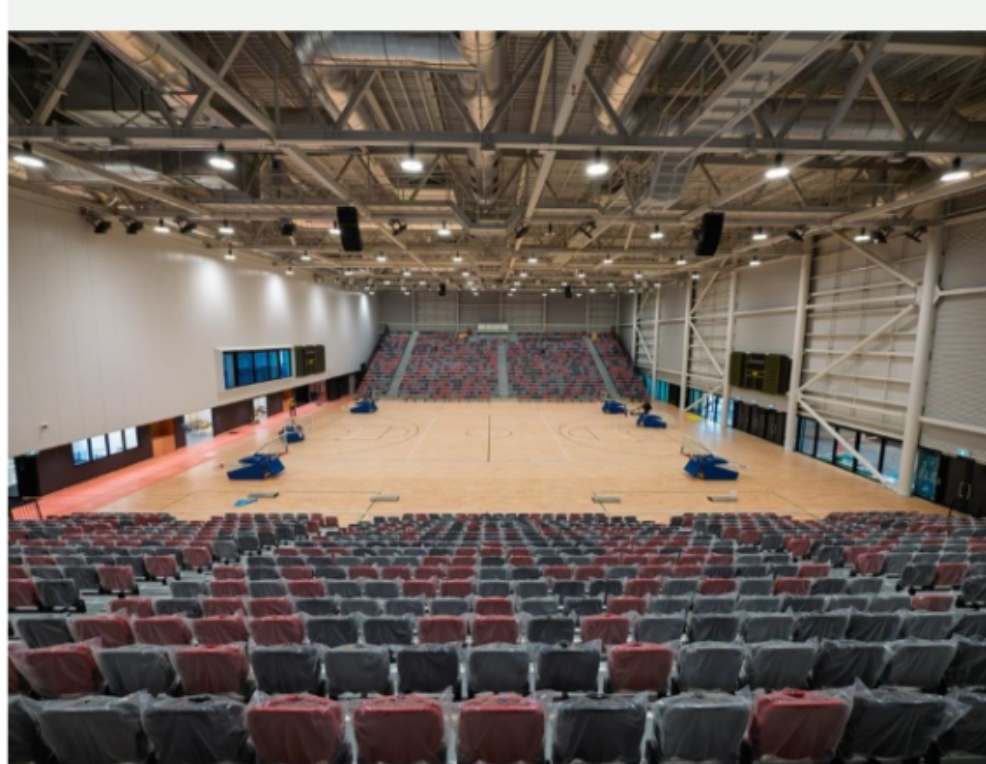
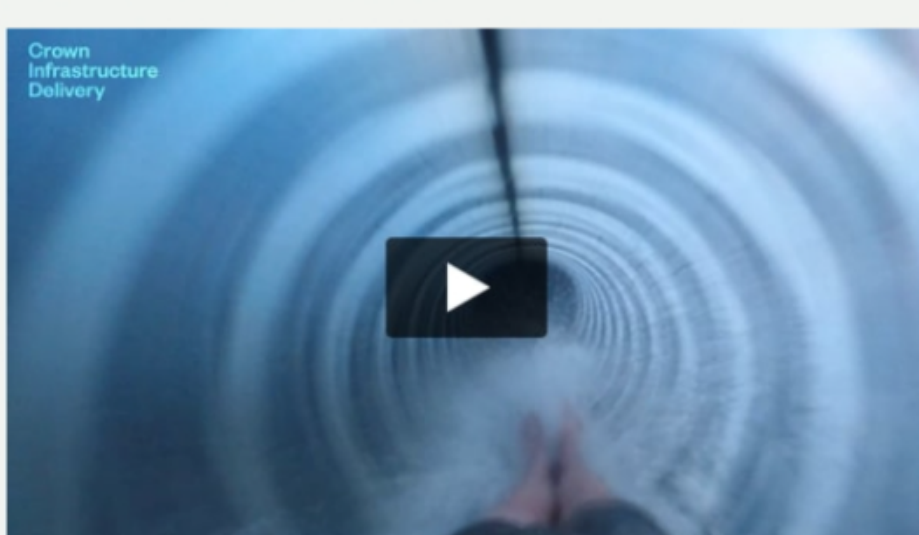
Trapdoor Hydroslide Tested

Parakiore has reached another exciting milestone with the successful test of the *Looping Rocket* — New Zealand's only trandoor hydroslide.



The test ride, carried out by Swimplex Aquatics, involved a team member stepping into the launch chamber, waiting for the countdown, and being dropped into a 75-metre-long tube at speeds of up to 40km/h. The test helped fine-tune the water flow to make sure every ride is both exciting and safe. The other four slides have also been tested and are nearly ready for public use.

The five hydroskides — designed in collaboration with Matapopore to resemble silver-bellied eels in an eel pot — are a standout feature of the facility. With translucent sections and heights ranging from nine to twelve metres, they will make Parakiore instantly recognisable as part of Christchurch's cityscape.



Show Court Getting Ready

The Show Court at Parakiore is now entering its final phase of fit-out, with all three sets of basketball hoops now on site. In the accompanying image, nets are being installed on the hoops for the two side courts, while the broadcast-ready hoops for the central show court have been brought in and are ready to go.



The side courts sit alongside the central show court and are designed to be covered by retractable grandstands during elite events—transforming the space into a 2,500-seat arena. With the grandstands now fully extended and the final equipment arriving, the scale and flexibility of the venue are becoming more tangible by the day.



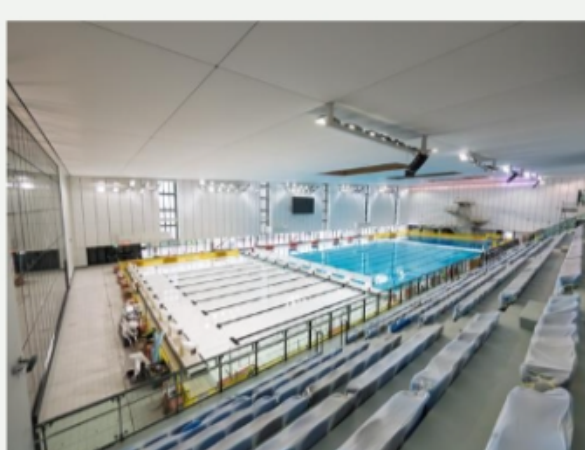
**All Pools and
Spas Filled**

All eleven pools and spas at Parakiore are now filled with water for the first time — another major milestone for the aquatics zone.

With water added to the final two pools — the learn-to-swim pool and the 90cm-deep aquatic sensory pool — the full suite of heating and filtration systems can now be activated in preparation for use.



The moveable floor in the 50-metre competition pool has also been installed. This large platform, measuring 25 by 17 metres, can be raised or lowered to create different water depths, from completely shallow (0 metres) to 2.2 metres deep. This flexibility allows the pool to support a wide range of activities, from deep-water training to beginner swimming lessons.

Leisure Water
area

In the leisure water area, most of the big play features are now in place. The team is finishing off a few smaller items like nets, lights, and fittings for the toddler slide. They're also testing how everything works together — from the pumps and valves to the lighting — and making sure it all connects smoothly with the building's control systems.

Aquatic Sensory Experience

The Aquatic Sensory Experience (ASE) space continues to come together, with most of the equipment now installed and testing underway. This includes interactive features like the bubble column wall and sensory switches, all connected to a central control system that brings the space to life.

The hands-on "How Things Work" wall is also taking shape. It already includes a sink, shower, valve and cistern, and will soon be completed with a manual pump and water trough.

The ASE is a one-of-a-kind space in Aotearoa, designed to support inclusive play for people with sensory or accessibility needs.

