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## **ANZ and Auckland Council come together to make a splash**

Auckland Council and ANZ Bank today announced they would team up to create two new splash pads for Auckland families to enjoy.

The splash pads will open later in the year – one at the Stanmore Bay Pool and Leisure Centre, Whangaparaoa, and the other at the Lloyd Elsmore Park Pool and Leisure Centre in Pakuranga.

Splash pads provide a safe and engaging environment for children to play in water, with fountains, mist sprayers showers and nozzles that spray water over the playground area. There is little or no standing water.

Auckland Mayor Phil Goff said, “The splash pads will be a new and exciting feature for our communities in Stanmore Bay and Pakuranga. They are a real hit with our kids and will provide fun and enjoyment for them.”

“Bringing them to the community is possible because of our partnership with ANZ who have provided much of the money to bring this project to life.

“The new areas will be beautifully designed with picnic areas, and will be popular with families as summer approaches,” said Mayor Goff.

The splash pads will be built within the current leisure and pool facilities at Stanmore Bay and Pakuranga. Both will feature extensive landscaping and outdoor picnic facilities, offering families and groups the opportunity to spend the day at the centre.

“As New Zealand and Auckland’s biggest bank with the greatest presence, we’re really pleased to be teaming with Auckland Council to jointly build facilities for younger Aucklanders to enjoy,” said ANZ Retail and Business Banking Managing Director Antonia Watson.

“When you think of Auckland and summer you think of fun around water. So we’re excited about this project. The city is rapidly expanding and it’s great to see Auckland Council looking at innovative ways to fund new facilities.”

The splash pads will open to coincide with the start of summer in early December.

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