



Pool site wanted

Parking issues hinder search

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A NEW pool is desperately needed in the north-east to cater for a soaring demand for swimming lessons, SA's

biggest swim school says.

State Swim wants to expand into the area but is being hindered by a lack of available sites.

Director **Paul Mason** examined six properties in the north-east in the past year, including industrial sites off Glynburn Rd, Glynde, but all were deemed unsuitable due to a lack of car parking space.

"We need 50 car parks so we need a 2000sq m site," Mr Mason said.

He said State Swim's nearest centre, at Norwood, was almost at capacity.

Norwood and Payneham outdoor pools manager **Grant Watkins** said summer swimming classes were held four days a week for about 400 students. "There won't be a lot of spaces because the classes fill up quickly," Mr Watkins said.

Both pools had to turn students away, with 80 people on a waiting list.

A pool at UniSA's Magill campus offered limited lessons over summer.

Mr Mason said State Swim had been talking with Campbelltown Council about moving into the proposed redeveloped

Campbelltown Leisure Centre, at Botanic Grove, but was waiting to see if the project gained federal funding.

Maria Iannace, whose daughter **Alana**, 8, swims at Norwood State Swim, said a new pool in the area was needed. "It was hard to get in, especially in this area," Mrs Iannace said.

Giovanna Mastrantuone agreed a new pool was a must, saying she had to wait seven weeks to re-enrol her son **Thomas**, 5, in a higher level class at Norwood.



AT CAPACITY: Thomas, 5, of Tranmere, and Alana, 8, of Payneham, in the pool at State Swim Norwood, where classes fill quickly and many miss out.

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