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FUNDING SUCCESS FOR INDOOR SPORT STADIUM

The Shire of Esperance has been successful in receiving \$4.06 million in funding for a new Indoor Sports Stadium. The new building will be built adjacent to the existing Indoor Sports Stadium with a covered walkway connecting the two.

The Indoor Sports Stadium redevelopment plan was approved for funding under the Liberal Nationals Royalties for Regions program. This is fantastic news with plans to be finalised this financial year to start construction in the 2017/2018 financial year.

The new Indoor Sports Stadium building will house three multi purpose courts, meeting rooms, kitchen and kiosk facilities, change rooms and storage space for each user group. The Stadium will provide an enhanced venue that meets current sporting needs and future usage aspirations. The design is a collaborative effort between the Shire of Esperance and the multiple user groups who utilise the facility.

The project will be delivered over two stages, reducing impact on all users where possible. Construction of the standalone facility will mean minimal impact on playing schedules which is fantastic for the groups that use the facilities, regardless of the season. In addition to the new building the development the plan also means there is potential to upgrade floors in the current stadium and a refurbishment of the Noel White Pavilion which could increase provisions for diverse activities including non sporting related.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "We are excited to be able to start making this project happen. It's wonderful to have Minister Redman in town announcing another successful funding application for Esperance from the Liberal National Government's Royalties for Regions program through the Goldfields Esperance Revitalisation Fund."

"The new Stadium will mean Esperance will have competition standard facilities encouraging regional and state sporting events to head our way, along with the ability to attract large expo's who need big open spaces and top notch amenities. Our community have had to be very patient and deserve to have access to a high quality sporting arena that can service a number of our diverse user groups."

"Esperance has 106 Sport and Recreation groups, meaning no one can deny we are a town that likes our sport and likes to be active. Eight groups currently share the facilities at the Indoor Sports Stadium, including basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton, the Esperance band, Esperance Ag Society, Indoor soccer and hockey. The benefits from this redevelopment will be felt by a significant number people in our community"

The \$7.8 million project includes the \$4.06 from Royalties for Regions, a combined Shire and stakeholder contribution of \$2.3m and potentially (an application has been submitted) of \$1m from CSRFF and \$500,000 from Lotterywest (application to be submitted).

Details of the plans are available on the Shire website.

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Cc: Concept Plans are attached