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## **ESPERANCE INDOOR SPORTS STADIUM**

A new plan for the Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium has been investigated after compliance issues during strong winds were identified in the existing structure.

Instead of adding to the existing structure, there will now be an additional stand-alone building which will mean more undercover courts, provide better value for money and increase the use of the new Indoor Sports Stadium. The building of a standalone structure will reduce the impact on the groups that currently utilise the facility with little disruption to playing schedules due to building activity.

In addition to the brand new structure, the new plan means there is potential to upgrade floors in the existing structure, which could include rubber floor areas, expanding the buildings potential use for other activities. Refurbishing the Noel White Pavilion will increase provisions for diverse community activities and funding for non-sport related activities.

A policy is being developed to help the Shire maintain its duty of care to users of the existing Indoor Sports Stadium, and the general community, during damaging wind events. This means the existing stadium will be potentially closed when a Severe Thunderstorm Warning or Severe Weather Warning is current.

Shire President Victoria Brown said "The compliance issues may have been the catalyst for a new plan, but it is looking to be a very beneficial change for the community. Not only will there now be increased undercover space for sporting and other community activities, but it will also mean there will be no interruption to sports during the construction phase. We look forward to investigating other potential benefits for the community as the new plan is developed."

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