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Stadium Tender Awarded

The Indoor Sports Stadium tender has been awarded to local contractor Sime Building Company at last night's Ordinary Council Meeting for a four court stadium.

The project is fully funded with assistance from the State Government with \$4.06 million from the Goldfields Esperance Revitalisation Fund under the Royalties for Regions program, \$723,000 from the Department of Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries' Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF), and \$3.58 million from Council. The selection of the four court meant Council increased their contribution by \$533,825.

The new Indoor Sports Stadium building will house four multi-purpose courts, meeting rooms, kitchen and kiosk facilities, change rooms and storage space for each user group. The Stadium will provide a modern venue that meets current sporting needs and future usage aspirations.

Work is expected to start in May 2019 with work on a new car park a priority to be completed by the end of August. The total construction time is expected to take 12 months.

CEO Matthew Scott said, "The decision to go with the four courts will set up our community for the future and this was too good an opportunity to pass up. It's more cost effective to go with the four courts now, rather than make additions later down the track.

"Community consultation was essential in this project making sure the facility would suit the broad range of different user groups – thank you to those who assisted by providing feedback ensuring we will have a state of the art stadium for our community.

"Now that stage one has the green light for construction to commence, we can look a stage two which is the redevelopment of the Noel White Pavilion.

"The contract requires access to the current sports stadium to be maintained and that disruption to the Agricultural Show is minimised."

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