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Allen Park Lower Pavilion officially open

The City of Nedlands celebrated the official opening of its new \$1.2m multi-functional world class pavilion in Swanbourne last night.

The refurbished Allen Park Lower Pavilion was officially declared open by the City's Mayor Max Hipkins at a civic reception at the facility.

"The Council is proud to see the new refurbished building has been achieved with great cooperation from Council officers, long term tenants - the Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football and Swanbourne Cricket Club and the Department of Sport and Recreation," said Mayor Hipkins.

The upgrade included the construction of new change-rooms and umpires room, construction of a universal access toilet and shower facility, a new kitchen with a kiosk facility, a new roof, additional storage, a refurbished hall with air-conditioning and a covered outdoor viewing area.

The first class facility will be available for a wide range of community and sporting groups, events, meetings and activities.

The project was jointly funded, with the City contributing \$910,000 from held reserve funds. The City also received a grant for \$190,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities fund.

An additional \$100,000 was raised between the pavilion's long-term tenants, the Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club and the Swanbourne Cricket Club.

"The project was completed on time and on budget and has exceed expectations," added Mayor Hipkins.

A sinking fund of \$28,000 per annum will also be set aside to keep the new facility in first class condition in an ongoing partnership between Council, the junior football and cricket club.

The need for a refurbishment was identified in the City's Strategic Community Plan and Strategic Recreational Plan as one of five facilities that are a priority for development. Originally built in 1963, the condition of the building had declined over the past ten years along with its use by community members.

In 2013, the Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club highlighted the poor state of the change facilities and its unsuitability for female users.

"The Council's Strategic Plan was originally targeting to improve the facilities in 2019 - 2020. However, due to the decline in the buildings condition and use, a plan was hatched to

investigate an upgrade rather than a new facility to deliver improved facilities. The Councillors voted and have supported the project from day one," said Mayor Hipkins.

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About the City of Nedlands

The City of Nedlands is situated 7km from Perth and stretches from the banks of the Swan River to the edge of the Indian Ocean. A population of over 21,000 live in the suburbs of Nedlands, Dalkeith, Mt Claremont, Swanbourne, Karrakatta, and parts of Floreat and Shenton Park.

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