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## **City of Nedlands awarded \$190,000 grant towards the upgrade of the Allen Park Pavilion**

Less than six months since the completion of the new pavilion at David Cruickshank Reserve, the City of Nedlands has been awarded \$190,000 from the State Government, through the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund towards the upgrade of the lower pavilion at Allen Park.

The \$1.2 million upgrade will include 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. It will be jointly funded by the City of Nedlands, the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Swanbourne Tigers Junior Football Club and the Swanbourne Cricket Club.

The upgrade was identified in the City's Strategic Community Plan and Strategic Recreational Plan as one of five facilities that are a priority for development as the building is over 50 years old and the functionality of the facility no longer meets the users' needs. It is anticipated that the upgrade will have a wider community benefit, attracting new users to the modernised and more functional facility.

City of Nedlands Mayor Max Hipkins said Allen Park is one of the City of Nedlands six major reserves and is extensively used for sporting and recreational activities.

"This reserve is a hive of activity, but the pavilion has become aged and outdated and in need of improvements. We are excited about the awarding of the grant which will provide the City with a significant subsidy towards the cost of upgrading the facility.

"It's an achievement for the City to be recognised by the State Government for our commitment to upgrading our facilities in the community. I am pleased with how the City is progressing with completing the upgrades outlined in the City's Strategic Community Plan."

The existing facility currently hosts three regular community groups. It is primarily used by a junior football and cricket club. It is envisioned that the proposed improvements will provide for a wider range of community groups and activities in the future and attract new regulars.

City of Nedlands Chief Executive Officer, Greg Trevaskis added, "The City loves to undertake a good project and especially one that is greatly needed by the community. We trust that the current users of the pavilion will be excited about the grant and the proposed upgrades."

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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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