

Lathlain Park Community and Sports Club Development (Perth Football Club)

Funding

Requested from State Gov't -	\$5 million
Town contribution -	\$ 5m
Federal Gov't committed -	\$ 4m
Lease payment committed -	<u>\$ 1m</u>
Total Development funding -	\$15m

Vision

The development will provide a functional, multipurpose, universally accessible community hub for community group access, anchored by Perth Football Club's administration, football operations, and community program delivery. It includes game day and event spectator seating and club membership spaces, to be shared for maximum use by both the club and the community.

Project Objectives

- Safe demolition of the dilapidated, aged and outdated grandstand and associated buildings.
- Design preparation informed by community and stakeholders.
- Development approval of a universally accessible fit-for-purpose community facility.
- Timely construction and delivery of the facility to the approved design, for the benefit of the community, including Perth Football Club.

Timeframe

3 Years (2021-2024)

The Opportunity

The development is anchored by the critical needs of the Perth Football Club for their accommodation, to meet current standards and building compliance, as well as address the broader requirements from the introduction of the women's Australian Rules football competition.

The development is to be multipurpose and multiuse, so facilities and building uses can be shared, with occasional or seasonal club use for year-round broader access and uses by the local and wider community.

Community groups will enjoy access to a community hub that will include a community hall and function space, varied size meeting rooms, a 'startup' space and local services. Meet up opportunities will exist for local and regional not-for-profit organisations, charities, and a home base for community support organisations. In line with the multipurpose theme, the weather protected spectator seating will also be designed for potential performing arts use.



Community, Social and Economic Benefits

- ❖ This Community Sports Club development is **Zone 1** of the Lathlain Precinct Redevelopment Projects eight zones and the catalyst for the whole precinct development, but the only Zone not to get traction.
- ❖ The undertaking of this Zone 1 project will round out the economic benefits that the other completed projects have commenced in closing the gaps, including development period and long term employment uplift, Aboriginal and multicultural outcomes, community health outcomes and educational opportunities.
- ❖ Community health has been addressed with access to additional and improved public open space, including sporting oval access, universally accessible walking trails, multiuse courts and play areas catering to diverse age groups and abilities.
- ❖ Social amenity improvement has been addressed in the broader precinct sense with picnic shelters barbeque facilities and public toilet amenities.

Most important, however, are the community and social benefits this Zone 1 development will bring,

- as a hub for community program management, both by the Town, Perth Football Club and other community organisations (with the Wirrpanda Foundation already seeking venue space for its expanded programs).
- for the diverse multicultural and aging population of the Town of Victoria Park, it will provide a modern facility venue for community events and cultural gatherings.
- similarly significant space for our broader region including the City of Belmont, City of Canning and the City of South Perth.
- a regional alternative educational venue and opportunity (Community Hall), available for local schools, tertiary institutions, and other government bodies, including the ADF and WAPOL (who already have a relationship with the site) for training.
- multi-functional and multiuse as a strong theme of the development with an aspiration of 365 days a year of community use (an example is the multi-use of the spectator seating for performing arts, away from the ten to fifteen days a year for football match and game spectator use).
- for the whole of Western Australia, this Zone 1 development being critical to providing our Western Australian Football League seasonal game facilities for players, game officials and spectators, with a sixty plus years tradition of men's Australian Rules Football league, and most importantly the introduction of the women's Australian Rules Football league.

