

Media Statement

East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment to Progress as Planned - *Additional \$5 million from State Government*

Our East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment will progress as planned with the McGowan Government confirming their commitment of an additional \$5 million towards the project, resulting in a total contribution from the State Government of \$25 million.

Minister for Sport and Recreation, David Templeman, made the announcement of the State's additional \$5 million contribution after Bicton MLA Lisa O'Malley's Legislative Assembly Grievance about the East Fremantle Oval Precinct Redevelopment to WA Parliament last week. During the Grievance, Bicton MLA Lisa O'Malley highlighted the significant history and heritage of the site, the extensive community consultation process undertaken by the Town and the pressing need for an upgrade and increased community accessibility to the site across multiple sports and recreational uses.

'We would like to sincerely thank the State Government, Minister for Sport and Recreation David Templeman and in particular Bicton MLA Lisa O'Malley for her passion, dedication and unwavering commitment to ensure the redevelopment of the East Fremantle oval precinct is delivered to the people of East Fremantle and the wider community,' Mayor O'Neill.

The integrated community and sporting precinct will be home to men's and women's WAFL football, bowls, croquet, a health fitness centre as well as providing a venue for many community programs including Auskick and Starkick all abilities football. It will be a place for the community to gather, recreate and participate, with a dedicated dog exercise area, community gardens, a skate zone and new shared facilities with a café, bar, kitchen and function rooms.

The redevelopment was expected to cost \$26.5 million when the election commitment was made in July last year but has since increased to \$32.5 million due to current market conditions and the rise in construction costs.

'I am extremely excited that the McGowan Government has been able to step in to fund the increase. I have been working closely with the Town of East Fremantle and the Government on solutions and this is a great outcome for the community,' Lisa O'Malley MLA for Bicton.

The Town has received expressions of interest from 10 suitably qualified construction companies which will be shortlisted to 4-5 over the next couple of weeks. Works are scheduled for completion by early 2024.

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