

NABAWA RECREATION CENTRE

"The dedicated use of the Nabawa Recreation Centre facility as a disaster recovery location would alleviate many of the issues raised in the immediate aftermath of the Natural Disaster presented by STC Seroja, as well as present a modern and inclusive community hub for the residents."



NABAWA RECREATION CENTRE

Nabawa Recreation Centre is located within the Shire of Chapman Valley in the Mid-West region of Western Australia. The Shire is approximately 35 minutes from Geraldton and five hours from Perth.

The Shire is home to 1,556 residents and an active sporting community.

The Nabawa Recreation Centre is the hub for sport and recreation in the Shire, with four sporting codes utilising the facility: AFL, basketball, cricket and roller derby.

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SHIRE OF
CHAPMAN
VALLEY

NABAWA

400km to
Perth

CONTEXT



1,556
Population¹



4
Sporting Codes



875
Club sport
participants in 2023



39%
increase in
participation
since 2017

LOCAL CONTEXT

The Shire covers an area of approximately 4,007 square kilometres. The economy is reliant on a range of agricultural pursuits including intensive farming, grain production and wool growing.

Much of the Shire is bushfire and flood prone, with Severe Tropical Cyclone (STC) Seroja the most recent disaster event to affect the region in April 2021. This event highlighted the limited capacity of the Shire to provide a disaster recovery location, with residents being relocated to Geraldton.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Nabawa Recreation Centre Facility Redevelopment is a significant capital project that would deliver 21st century community infrastructure to the Chapman Valley community.

The project would increase the Shire's capacity to respond during times of disaster, something that was severely limited by a lack of local infrastructure in the recovery period post the impact of STC Seroja.

Additionally, the facility would bring first class facilities to sport and recreation users, including:

- Female friendly changerooms
- Officials changerooms
- Medical facilities

The development is guided by eight principles:

1. Connected and accessible
2. Active day and night
3. Quality and amenity
4. Multipurpose and flexible
5. Celebrating community
6. Unique and authentic experiences
7. Supporting healthy living
8. Emergency management

This project would directly strengthen preparedness for future natural disasters and provide better capacity to evacuate and care for displaced people and would reduce the impact of disaster hazards on the Chapman Valley community.

The project redevelops the entire downstairs brick wing of the current recreation centre, built in 1972. Ad-hoc additions occurred in the 1980's and while this building has delivered necessary amenities for many decades it is now lacking in its current day to day purpose and was unable to be utilised to its full potential during the STC Seroja disaster and recovery period which has been ongoing since early 2021.

The redevelopment would include a new:

- commercial kitchen/ canteen facility;
- dedicated men's and women's change rooms and toilets;
- essential disability access and disability facilities;
- umpires/officials facilities;
- electrical and plumbing upgrades; and
- medical rooms.

The multi-use opportunity for the redeveloped facility as both a disaster recovery location and inclusive community sporting hub will bring a raft of benefits to the local community.

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“A thriving and diverse community, embracing our coastline, ranges and rural settings to support growth and prosperity, while enjoying our peaceful and quiet lifestyle.”

RECREATION CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

This 3 million dollar project will support community sport and recreation for the Shire's residents and, importantly, also function as a disaster recovery location in an emergency situation. The facility will be a hub for the community that can adapt to the needs of the day.

KEY DEVELOPMENT FEATURES

- 01 Commercial Kitchen / Canteen Facility
- 02 Dedicated Men's and Women's change rooms and toilets
- 03 Essential Disability access and disability Facilities
- 04 Umpires / Officials facilities
- 05 Medical Rooms
- 06 Significant electrical and plumbing upgrades





Commercial kitchen / canteen facility supporting community activities and events

Dedicated men's and women's changerooms and toilets facilitating the growing number of women's teams participating in sport at the venue

Essential disability access and disability facilities bringing facilities up to contemporary standards to ensure universal accessibility for the whole community

Umpires / officials facilities supporting the needs of the growing number of competitive sports teams in the Shire

Medical rooms offering appropriate facilities for care of injured sports participants

Significant electrical and plumbing upgrades enhancing the sustainability and operating efficiency of the facility

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Disaster Preparedness

This project will directly increase resilience, adaptive capacity and preparedness of the Shire of Chapman Valley during disaster situations.

Chapman Valley residents did not have a 'fit for purpose' facility to assist its local community members during the STC Seroja natural disaster in 2021. Residents had to travel to into Geraldton for support, information and access to services following the disaster.

The redevelopment of the recreation centre to a multi use facility will deliver a suitable site for the community and emergency responders.

The site is appropriate as it lies outside the Bushfire Prone Area and Flood Prone Area that cover large parts of the Shire.



Sustainable Design

The redevelopment project includes environmentally conscious upgrades to old plumbing and electricity elements of the existing facility.

These works include the introduction of solar panels. The upgrades will improve the energy efficiency and water usage of the recreation centre.



Health Community

Supporting the health of the community is core to the strategic intent of the Shire.

The Shire sets out its goals to encourage community participation in recreational activities and support public health strategies in the Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2023-2027 and Strategic Community Plan 2022-2032.

As the central facility for sport and recreation in the Shire, the redevelopment of the Nabawa Recreation Centre is a key element of fulfilling this commitment.



Inclusive participation

New and improved features at the facility will create an inclusive and accessible facility.

These features include dedicated women's changerooms and universal accessibility. These works will make the facility a welcoming environment for the whole community to improve their health and wellbeing through sport and recreation.

In particular, the Shire's sports clubs have seen a increase in the number of women's teams in recent years, who will benefit from dedicated facilities.



“The redevelopment will bring construction jobs to the region and support ongoing employment at local clubs.”

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

During the Construction Phase:



\$3.4M

MILLION OUTPUT

net present value (for entire masterplan at 7% discount rate)



5.6

FTE JOBS

direct and indirect



\$1.1M

MILLION

gross valued added direct and indirect

During the Operational Phase:



1.0M

OUTPUT

direct and indirect



7

FTE JOBS

direct and indirect



\$605k

gross valued added direct and indirect

PROJECT COSTING & FUNDING

The current design is costed at \$3M and currently has \$1.4M committed.



\$900,000 – Disaster Ready Fund – Federal - NEMA)

\$500,000 - Local Government Resilience Fund (State – DFES)



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Chapman Valley

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