

Geraldton's West End foreshore complete

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- Final stages of West End Revitalisation Project in Geraldton officially opened
- \$11.1 million redevelopment includes a multi-purpose centre and event space, a youth precinct, finger jetty and beach access ramp
- Supported by the Liberal National Government's Royalties for Regions program

Premier Colin Barnett has officially opened the final elements of the City of Geraldton's \$11.1 million West End Revitalisation project including a multi-purpose centre and event space and a youth precinct.

Mr Barnett said the project, which began in 2013, was a significant milestone for the city in response to the needs of the growing population.

"This is a landmark project that has revitalised the precinct and turned it into a destination for entertainment, recreation and community meetings," the Premier said.

The multi-purpose centre consists of three buildings interconnected with courtyards and a verandah, while the events space features an outdoor stage, tiered seating and public open space with the capacity to cater for events attended by more than 5,000 people.

"This new venue is the ideal facility to host popular community and cultural events including Geraldton's Australia Day festival and the Festivals on the Foreshore event," Mr Barnett said.

Regional Development Minister Terry Redman said Royalties for Regions was supporting the project with a \$363,000 investment.

"The foreshore revitalisation will provide a vibrant community space for residents and tourists to enjoy recreational activities - an essential investment for regional communities," Mr Redman said.

The youth precinct opened to the public earlier this year and features a mix of high tech, adventure and traditional play equipment that has proven a hit with people of all ages.

Other completed elements of the project include a beach wheelchair ramp on the western side of the Town Beach groyne, and the replacement finger jetty. Both constructions will improve access to the beach and water for users of all abilities.

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- The total cost of the West End Revitalisation project is about \$11.1 million with contributors including Lotterywest, Variety WA, Royalties for Regions, Regional Development Australia, WA Local Government Authority and City of Greater Geraldton
- Lotterywest contribution totalling \$1 million
- For more information, visit <http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au/grants>

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