

Premier opens City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club

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- New building part of City Beach surf club and restaurant redevelopment
- New facility supported with \$1.9 million from Liberal National Government

Premier Colin Barnett has officially opened the new City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club in City Beach, made possible with the support of \$950,000 each from Lotterywest and the Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR).

New facilities include an ocean-facing gym, meeting and training rooms, change rooms, a first aid room, equipment wash-down areas and a member's lounge.

Mr Barnett said the significant upgrade would not only improve the operation of the facility, but also represented an investment in the long-term health of the local community.

"Members of the City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club play a crucial role in protecting City Beach visitors and it is essential they are supported with adequate facilities," he said.

"The design was developed with extensive community consultation, which identified the need for improved and expanded facilities, with the club's outdated building at capacity. The new club will provide a fantastic hub for local residents and visitors, providing healthy lifestyle activities that can be enjoyed by the community."

The facility is part of the revitalised City Beach precinct, with the Town of Cambridge developing the area around the building to include parkland, restaurants, an amphitheatre and a promenade. A key design feature is the striking green concrete roof that provides a landscaped public plaza above the building.

The total cost of the redevelopment was \$8.5 million. Through the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund, the Liberal National Government invested \$950,000 in the club with a further \$950,000 from Lotterywest. The City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club invested \$1.75 million and the Town of Cambridge provided \$4.85 million.

Sport and Recreation Minister Mia Davies said City Beach had grown to become one of Australia's largest surf life saving clubs, with more than 1,280 members and 6,343 patrol hours each year.

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"Through DSR, the State Government has contributed more than \$3.6 million to seven surf life saving projects since 2008. We are also supporting surf lifesaving through our award-winning KidSport [program](#), which has provided more than \$94,000 to surf clubs State-wide since 2011," Ms Davies said.

Fact File

- The City of Perth Surf Life Saving Club was formed in 1924 and is located at City Beach
- The club patrols a 2.5km stretch of beach from October to March each year
- In the 2015-16 season, 1.25m people visited City Beach and 463 received assistance
- Lotterywest has supported Surf Life Saving WA and its various clubs with about 81 grants totalling nearly \$15.5 million since 1988
- WA is the only Australian State where money raised from lottery products is distributed directly back to the community to support not-for-profit organisations
- For more information, visit <http://www.lotterywest.wa.gov.au>

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