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Work commences for Clem Thomson Oval and Sports Pavilion

The Tom Price Clem Thomson Oval and Sports Pavilion redevelopment is now one step closer with the official “sod turning” ceremony conducted on 12th November by Vincent Catania MLA.

Shire of Ashburton President Cr Kerry White said it was great to see community members including local school children attend the ceremony which involved a ribbon being cut on the bobcat bucket.

“It is immensely exciting to see the commencement of this much anticipated project and I would like to thank Royalties for Regions, Rio Tinto, Department of Sports and Recreation and the Country Local Government fund who all contributed to this \$10 million project,” President White said.



Pilbara Development Commission Representative Audrey Martin-Hill, Vincent Catania MLA and Kent Franey from Rio Tinto cut the ribbon to commemorate the \$10m Sports Pavilion project.



Vincent Catania MLA with local school children.



The ceremony was opened with Welcome to Country by Quentin Stevens and an introduction by Shire President Kerry White, and speeches by Vincent Catania MLA, Shire of Ashburton CEO Jeff Breen and Kent Franey from Rio Tinto.

The project which is due for completion in August 2013, will be designed by Roxby Architects and constructed by Cooper & Oxley.

The construction starting this month includes:

- Removal of light towers
- Ground works
- Reticulation and drainage for the oval
- Demolition of scoreboard, playground, sports pavilion and car park, Panthers Club Room, Crushers donger and the cricket nets.

Contributions to the construction cost included \$4.85 million from Royalties for Regions, \$3.65 million from Rio Tinto, \$700,000 from Shire of Ashburton and an application for \$1 million has been submitted to the Department of Sport and Recreation.

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