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Clem Thompson redevelopment a boost for Tom Price community

The \$10 million Clem Thompson Pavilion and Oval in Tom Price was completed last month thanks to funding from Royalties for Regions, Rio Tinto Iron Ore, Department of Sport and Recreation and the Ashburton Shire.

Construction on the project began in September 2012. During that time, \$578,043 in interest has accrued on the Royalties for Regions contribution (it is condition of the grant that the interest must be spent on the allocated project).

At the time of developing the plans, Ashburton Shire President Kerry White said, there were several desired, but not essential items, that had to be cut from budget.

“But now with this accrued interest ‘windfall’, some of these extras can now be afforded,” Cr White said.

Council agreed at its December meeting on the following priorities:

- Asphalt to disabled car parking bay and bus parking bay
- Playground
- Mag locks on Club room doors
- Lighting for warm up field
- Additional roll on turf for warm-up field
- Pedestrian gate and footpath (next to vehicle access)
- Lights over cricket nets
- Benches in Club rooms
- Hooks on Club room walls
- Curtains/blinds on club room doors
- Chilled water fountain
- Ice making machine
- Club names on Club room doors
- No smoking signage and butt bins
- Sponsorship/naming signage
- Opening event

Council will also consider the sealing of bowling club/gym car park as part of the 2014/2015 budget deliberations.

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