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## **Nameless Festival embraces new location as work continues on the exciting Clem Thomson Oval and Sports Pavilion.**

The Tom Price Clem Thomson Oval and Sports Pavilion redevelopment is a considerable \$10 million community facilities project that will benefit the Tom Price community and attract other sporting groups from around the Pilbara region.

Construction works on the pavilion are progressing extremely well since they began in November 2012. Contractors have already achieved a significant milestone by recently completing the concrete foundations, plumbing and footings.

Funding for the construction included \$4.4m from Royalties for Regions, \$3.65m from Rio Tinto, \$1m from the Shire of Ashburton and the recent approval of an \$850,000 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation. Confirmation of this generous grant enabled work to officially commence.

“While we had been hopeful that we would still meet our planned start date of March 2013 to commence the oval works, this has now been rescheduled to May due to the size and complexity of the project, including landscape architecture,” said Deb Wilkes, Shire of Ashburton Executive Manager Community Development.

“We understand how this will affect sporting groups and in particular, the Nameless Jarndumnunha Festival. We have agreed to work co-operatively with them to find alternative plans,” she said.

“The Nameless Festival will still go ahead; it is an iconic and important event for the town.”

Nameless Festival committee president Linda McCarthy said that the overall response has been very positive and all groups and committees are willing to collaborate with the Shire. She noted that while many in the community had been eagerly anticipating the opening of the oval, the change in completion date has led to the exciting prospect of having the Nameless Festival spread out amongst multiple venues in town, adding a new dimension that encourages wider community involvement.

“The Nameless Jarndumnunha Festival committee will continue to work in collaboration with the Shire of Ashburton and the Small Business Association to ensure that the festival goes ahead as planned. We see this as an opportunity to embrace and change the look of the festival for 2013 while the oval is undergoing the redevelopment,” she said.

Completion of the Tom Price Clem Thomson Oval and Sports Pavilion is expected for early September 2013; perfectly timed to allow the official opening ceremony to be held on the Fortescue National Football League Grand Final day, proudly hosted in Tom Price.

Once in operation, over 30 teams from numerous sporting disciplines will utilise the new facilities. It is anticipated the oval will be used for more than 80 hours a week, with more than 400 people enjoying the oval on a regular basis.

“We look forward to facilitating building a state-of-the-art recreational facility for Tom Price which will benefit not only the local groups, but will attract sporting groups from around the Pilbara region,” said Deb Wilkes.

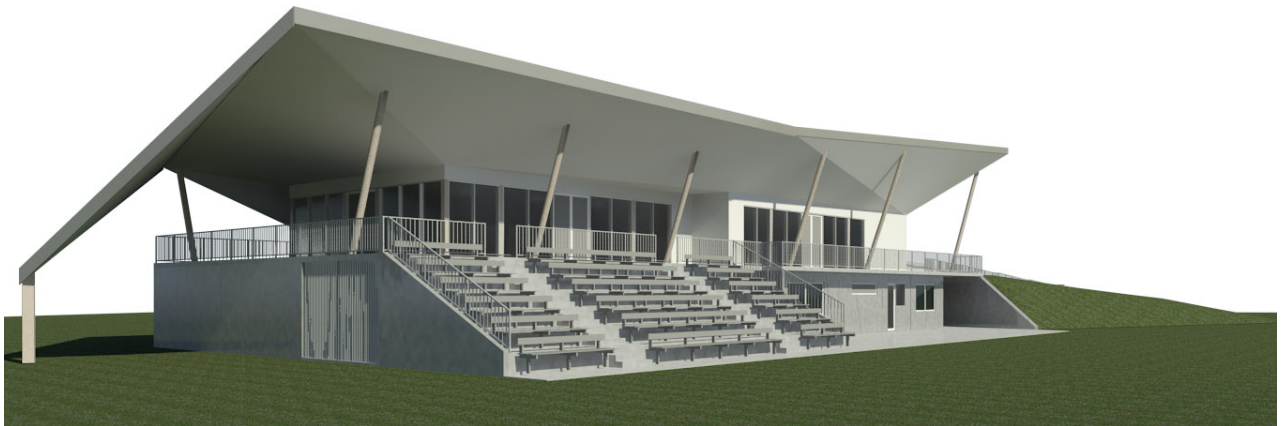


Illustration by Cooper & Oxley: Architectural design of the Tom Price Sports Pavilion (South view).

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