

MEDIA STATEMENT



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City purchases land for new depot

The City of Bunbury will start planning a new purpose-built depot following the decision to purchase a five hectare site in Picton for \$2.4 million.

Bunbury City Council last night authorised Chief Executive Officer Andrew Brien to finalise the purchase and progress to concept drawings that will enable the City to go to tender for the design and construction of the new depot.

It is expected to take 18 months to construct the depot at the Picton site, which will house the City's Works and Services and Waste operations. It is anticipated the depot will incorporate sustainable power generation technology in its design.

The new depot will replace the 40-year-old facility in Carey Park and the Waste department site in Halifax.

The City plans to develop 3ha of the Picton site for the depot with the remaining 2ha being earmarked for future use still to be determined by Council.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the purchase of the Picton site was a significant milestone.

"Relocating the depot has been considered for many years so it is fantastic to see the City reach this point," Mr Brennan said.

"Council is keen to get our workers into a more modern depot as the current site is showing its age.

"We need to provide the best facilities for our employees to ensure they can continue to carry out their jobs effectively and efficiently."

Relocating the depot will allow the current Carey Park site on Nuytsia Avenue to be rezoned for housing. The City will also begin the process to dispose of the waste site on McCombe Road.

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