

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Improved conditions for animals at Regional Animal Shelter

Impounded animals are now being cared for in a modern facility that boasts a better environment and improved hygiene following the official opening today of the new Regional Animal Shelter and Pound by Bunbury MLA John Castrilli.

The Davenport shelter can cater for 15 cats and 35 dogs in vastly improved conditions from the ageing City of Bunbury pound, which had been in use for more than 30 years.

Raised bedding for dogs and a dedicated room to house cats are features of the \$500,000 facility, which was funded by the State Government's Country Local Government Fund and the City of Bunbury.

Domestic animals impounded by the City of Bunbury are kept at the facility, with other local government authorities in the area also able to make use of the shelter.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the Regional Animal Shelter was required due to the need to modernise the existing pound used to impound dogs and cats.

"Impounded animals will be housed in a modern facility that offers improved welfare, better hygiene and a better environment," Mr Brennan said.

"This is an example of how local governments can work together to achieve good outcomes."

Other features of the shelter include a veterinary treatment room, advanced security systems and improved conditions for staff.

The City is still to determine the future of the old pound site, which is located in Halifax.

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