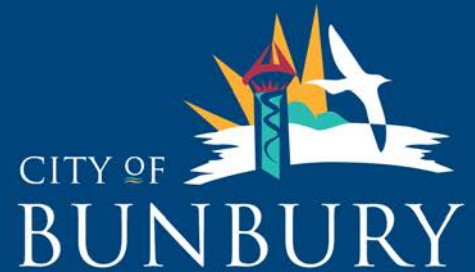


# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **Businesses benefit from City's local focus**

Bunbury businesses are reaping the benefits of City contracts with millions of dollars' worth of recent work helping to boost the local economy.

Along with work already under way, the construction of big ticket items such as the City's new works depot and Koombana foreshore revitalisation project will further enhance Bunbury's economic and social vibrancy.

Significant work that has recently been awarded to Bunbury businesses includes a Traffic Management tender that is worth approximately \$940,000 over three years, construction of the South West Sports Centre accessible changerooms (awarded to Smith Constructions and valued around \$250,000), plus renovation of the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre flytower (awarded to Civilcon and valued around \$600,000).

Civilcon was also the successful tenderer for the new works depot at a cost of just under \$7 million.

Mayor Gary Brennan said local businesses were enjoying the benefits of a progressive City procurements policy and also a competitive marketplace.

"It is fantastic that local businesses and contractors are able to not only compete against strong State and national competition, but also carry out the work at a very high standard," Mr Brennan said.

"When work is awarded to local firms it has a flow-on effect across the community. This includes providing employment, supporting small business and adding to the social and economic vibrancy of our City."

The awarding a recent tenders follows on from the significant amount of work being carried out by South West firms as part of the Koombana foreshore revitalisation project.

Sixteen South West contractors are engaged on the project, with the value of local work being \$7.85m, or 72 per cent of the total funds to be spent.

Mr Brennan said local businesses and contractors also benefitted from a wide range of other City procurements, ranging from the purchase of office supplies to the contracting of landscaping work.

"It is important that the City supports local businesses that can carry out work or provide services at a very high standard and at a competitive price," Mr Brennan said. "We are also looking at ways of how we can make it easier for locals to do business with the City, such as implementing our new VendorPanel software that will improve local engagement and simplify the procurement process."

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