

# MEDIA STATEMENT



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## **City and BREC commit to five-year management agreement**

Bunbury City Council on Tuesday endorsed a management agreement with the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre (BREC) to guarantee the world-class facility continues to be able to deliver a high-quality service to the community.

The agreement includes the City committing to fund the centre for the next five years at \$420,000 per annum with annual increases in line with CPI plus up to \$100,000 per annum for capital expenditure.

This funding will go toward ensuring the sustainability of the centre as the South West region's premiere performing arts facility.

BREC and the City worked collaboratively on the agreement which also outlines a set of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to be reviewed on an annual basis.

KPIs include that BREC will be required to host a minimum of 20 local events per year and a minimum of two youth events. Centre management must also engage with and host at least two indigenous or culturally and linguistically diverse events each year.

The City – which owns both the land and the building – will be responsible for structural maintenance of the facility as well as landscaping and capital improvements.

Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan said the agreement set out the obligations between the BREC Board and the City and would give each party comfort in knowing what was expected of one another.

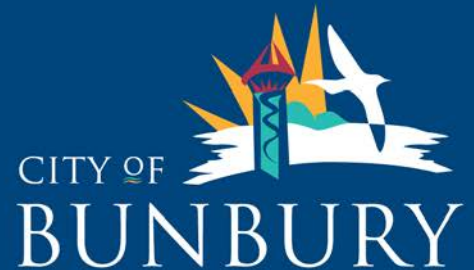
“This is a credit to the hard work put in by both the BREC management and City officers in ensuring both parties are satisfied with the outcome and it was recognised that, with such an agreement in place, the BREC can evolve and grow in line with its strategic plan,” Mayor Brennan said.

“BREC is a state-of-the-art purpose-built regional facility which will now continue to deliver sensational outcomes for the community.”

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BREC Executive Director Fiona de Garis said this new agreement would allow BREC to continue the important work of growing the local performing arts and event industries, ensuring that BREC support and inspire a vibrant and culturally engaged community in Bunbury and across the South West.

“Over the next five years as we continue to bring people together to enjoy world class performances and cinema, have new experiences, explore their own creativity and debate new ideas, we will also be working hard to ensure a welcome for first-time theatre goers, young people and visitors,” Ms de Garis said.

“We are excited at the potential for future partnerships with other cultural institutions, local artists, thinkers and change-makers.

“BREC has always played a critical role in the cultural life of our community and this agreement ensures we can continue to do so.”

For more information about the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre or to find out what events are happening please visit [www.bunburyentertainment.com](http://www.bunburyentertainment.com)

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