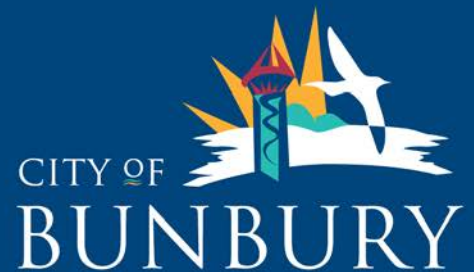


MEDIA STATEMENT



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DPAW construction set to begin

City of Bunbury Mayor Gary Brennan has applauded the State Government's announcement this morning that development of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) headquarters will begin in October.

The headquarters is the first step in the Government's plan to decentralise some of its public sector agencies.

It is expected the development will be completed by mid-2017.

Mayor Brennan said the relocation of the government department would provide substantial benefits to Bunbury and the South West region.

"More than 100 DPAW staff will be relocated to our City with plans to increase staffing to 300 within in 10 years," Mr Brennan said.

"This will see more than \$25 million per year generated for our local economy.

"With the Government choosing to relocate its services to Bunbury it shows that they too realise what a wonderful City we have and know the future is bright for our region."

The development will be done over three stages and will include a raft of facilities including a landscaped link from the Leschenault Inlet to Koombana Bay. There is also scope for a new lookout, walking trails and playground.

The \$28.9 million project is being funded by the Royalty for Regions program.

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