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Media Statement

NEW SPORT AND EVACUATION HUB FOR ONSLOW

Pindan has now begun construction of the \$5.8 million Onslow Sporting and Multi Purpose Complex, which will help to enhance community lifestyle and become a safe haven for residents in a natural disaster, such as cyclones.

Due for completion in November, the Complex will include a full size sports gymnasium, café and daycare centre, as well as a community emergency evacuation centre which will be fully air conditioned and equipped with its own independent power supply as well as catering facilities.

Pindan Estimating Manager Ian Downs said the Complex would be home to a modern basketball court, complete with electronic scoring and shot clock, mini basketball, netball, volleyball and badminton courts as well as an indoor cricket area and a fully equipped gymnasium.

“We’re very pleased to be involved in helping build this Pilbara community – we believe this is the most significant development in Onslow to date, and a sign of things to come,” he said.

“This is a real win for the Pindan construction team because it not only demonstrates how diversified our expertise has become, but also gives us a chance to be part of such a valuable initiative that will be a long-standing community hub for many years.”

Regional Development and Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said the development was an important part of the Government’s plan to revitalise the Pilbara.

“This is a priority for this area and I am pleased to see the plans for the complex are becoming a reality,” he said.

“Onslow residents endure temperatures above 35 degrees for 150 days a year and, for 30 of those days, the temperature is above 40 degrees. The community will be able to enjoy the new facilities in all temperatures.”

Shire of Ashburton president Greg Musgrave said Onslow residents would finally have an all-year sporting facility, enabling all age groups to participate in a wide range of recreational and community activities.

Pindan will once again team up with Peter Hunt Architects to create the Complex, after the duo’s partnership in 2009 which resulted in the award-winning Midland Police Operations Facility.

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