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Department of Health

Event Brief
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To: Minister Colbeck
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cc: Minister Hunt
Subject: SOD TURN EVENT – ELLENBROOK POOL AND RECREATION CENTRE IN WA – THE HON CHRISTIAN PORTER MP ATTENDING

Minister Colbeck		Date: / /	
Comments:			
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Date / Time: Tuesday, 15 September 2020 at 3.30pm

Location: 27 Maffina Parade, Ellenbrook, Western Australia (WA) 6069 – parking and meeting point on Cashman Avenue, off Maffina Parade (refer to map below)

Traditional Custodians: Whadjuk Noongar people

Purpose: The Attorney-General and Member for Pearce, the Hon Christian Porter MP, will represent the Australian Government at the sod turning event to commemorate the start of construction works for the Ellenbrook Pool and Recreation Centre.

Key Attendees/Speakers:	Title:	Organisation:	Mobile No:
Councillor Kevin Bailey	Mayor	City of Swan	N/A
Ms Jessica Shaw MLA	Member for Swan Hills	WA Legislative Assembly	N/A

Key Matters:

- The Government is providing \$25 million through the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Program to the City of Swan towards the new Ellenbrook Pool and Recreation Centre.
- Funding for this project will be over three years from 2020–21.
- The Centre will have wide-ranging benefits for children, adults, the elderly, people of all abilities and sporting groups in the City of Swan catchment area and extending to areas such as Chittering, Toodyay and Bullsbrooke. Facilities will include:

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- a 25-meter lap pool, learn to swim pool, informal pools and amenities for persons with reduced mobility
- indoor multi-purpose sports courts, group fitness rooms and a gym/health club
- flexible sports change rooms will cater for groups of all-female teams
- dedicated family change areas and crèche facilities.

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Discussion Guide:

- Participating in sport and physical activity helps Australians to enjoy healthier, happier and more productive lives. It also helps to bring communities together and benefits the local economy.
- The FFWSS Program was announced in the 2019–20 Budget with funding of \$150 million over four years from 2019–20 to improve opportunities for women and girls to play sport and be physically active through access to female change rooms; and to increase access to swimming facilities and safety programs in local communities.
- The FFWSS Program funds a range of activities benefiting local communities including the construction and development of:
 - swimming pools
 - universally accessible toilet and change room facilities
 - multipurpose sport and recreation facilities
 - accompanying general amenities.

Facts and Figures:

- The Australian Government (through the FFWSS Program), the Government of Western Australia and the City of Swan will jointly fund the Ellenbrook Recreation and Aquatic Centre. Noting, final total funding amounts for the project are still to be finalised by the City of Swan.
- The Centre will be co-located with the Ellenbrook District Open Space and complement the existing sports fields and other buildings.
- The FFWSS Program was a closed, non-competitive grant opportunity process to specified organisations.
- The Department of Health is in the process of settling the grant agreement for this funding with the City of Swan.

Funding provided to the organisation / Ministerial Support:

- The Australian Government is providing \$25 million over three years (2020–21 to 2022–23). The funding profile for this project is detailed below.

2020–21 (\$m)	2021–22 (\$m)	2022–23 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
5.000	5.000	15.000	25.000

Sensitivities or Contentious Issues:

- There has been significant media attention regarding the administration of the FFWSS Program and in particular the selection of these projects.
- The total cost estimate for the project is \$58m however, final funding contributions are yet to be settled. The City of Swan has been advocating the WA Government to increase their contribution of \$7 million. This matter is currently before the Council.

Budget/Financial Implications:

Nil.

Key Stakeholder Engagement:

The Department has been engaging with the City of Swan in the lead up to this event.

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