

## TOWN OF VINCENT

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## **Beatty Park Receives Funding**

The Town of Vincent is delighted with the State Government <u>announcement</u> that it will contribute \$2.5 million towards the redevelopment of <u>Beatty Park Leisure Centre</u>.

"The announcement from Terry Waldron, Minister for Sport and Recreation, today is fantastic news. Beatty Park is an icon not only in the Vincent community but has <u>historical and social significance</u> for the entire State", enthused Mayor Nick Catania.

"The \$2.5 million is a major contribution to the planned \$22 million <u>redevelopment</u> of this well patronised and instantly recognisable aquatic facility. The monies from the State will spearhead the redevelopment by providing funds to upgrade the existing infrastructure including the outdoor pool, pipes and plant room. The overall redevelopment plans will see a brand new building extension comprising two levels accommodating a new entry reception, retail area, dry lounge, lift, a large gymnasium, patron areas, exercise areas, admin and kitchen services. In addition, significant upgrade and refurbishment within the Centre is planned including the outdoor and dive pool, change-rooms, hydrotherapy pool and spa", concluded Mayor Catania.



L-R: Jeff Fondacaro, Assistant Manager Aquatic Operations; John Giorgi, CEO; Dale Morrissy, Manager Beatty Park Leisure Centre; Mayor Nick Catania; the Hon. Terry Waldron MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation; Lisa Davies, Centre Supervisor.

A grant of \$2.5 million from the Community Sports and Recreation Facility Fund program was announced by the <u>Hon. Terry Waldron MLA</u> on-site at the Centre today.

Administration and Civic Centre 244 Vincent Street LEEDERVILLE WA 6007 PO Box 82 LEEDERVILLE WA 6902 Telephone: (08) 9273 6000 Facsimile: (08) 9273 6099 TTY: (08) 9273 6078 Built in 1962 for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, the <u>heritage-listed</u> Beatty Park Leisure Centre has played a pivotal role in the development of swimming and aquatic sports in Western Australia, at both educational and elite levels.

Some one million people visit Beatty Park Leisure Centre each year, it has 120 employees and an annual turnover of \$4.5 million. The redevelopment will ensure that the facility remains a prominent recreational facility meeting the needs of today's patrons whilst underpinning the Centre's long-term financial and operational sustainability.

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