



## CITY OF VINCENT

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## ***In the Swim***

The City of Vincent is pleased to announce that as part of the State's agreement to lease nib Stadium from the City, the State Government has agreed to provide \$5 million in funding for the City to use for projects including the Redevelopment of Beatty Park Leisure Centre.

The announcement was made at Beatty Park by the Premier, the Hon. Colin Barnett MLA and the Hon. Terry Waldron MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation.

“We are delighted that we have received these funds from the State Government and will be putting the monies to very good use. The State had previously provided \$2.5 million for the redevelopment and the additional funds will assist us in upgrading the iconic Beatty Park Leisure Centre. Once complete in 2013, Beatty Park's \$17 million overhaul will have ensured that one of Perth's most patronised and recognised aquatic centres is geared towards meeting the needs of today's patrons and set to continue to provide an invaluable service to, and custom-designed leisure and sporting facility for, the community for many years to come”, said Mayor Nick Catania.

Following a Council resolution last night in respect to the \$5 million in funding, the City has determined to assign \$3 million to the Beatty Park Redevelopment and the other \$2 million will go towards the restoration of Hyde Park Lakes.

“It is fitting that the lease of one sporting facility should help to bolster another sporting facility. It is also very pleasing that we have the opportunity to allocate some of the monies to another icon in Vincent – the much loved Hyde Park Lakes. Beatty Park and Hyde Park are two of Vincent's most identifiable and utilised features and the lease of another of Vincent's prime assets, Perth's premier stadium for soccer and rugby – nib Stadium/Perth Oval – is helping us to progress these important works for the Vincent and greater Perth communities”, concluded Mayor Catania.

Works are set to commence at Beatty Park Leisure Centre within the week. The redevelopment is being staged with works set to conclude in late 2013.

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