

Ningaloo Centre will help shape the future of Exmouth

Construction of Exmouth's \$34.5 million Ningaloo Centre has begun, with an explosive turning of the sod ceremony closely followed by the start of earth works.

In the construction phase the project is expected to inject \$6.4 million into the local economy based on the indicative local content figures. Add to this costs associated with services such as accommodation, meals and recreation and the direct injection into the Exmouth community is expected to reach \$7 million.

The project represents the biggest social infrastructure investment in Exmouth since the town was built 50 years ago. It will help shape the future of the region by facilitating the growth and development of a

vibrant and viable research hub for marine based studies.

The building itself is also the first stage in connecting the Exmouth townsite with the foreshore and accommodating further commercial development in the town centre.

The Ningaloo Centre has been carefully planned to offer facilities and services that will complement Exmouth, build its economic resilience and help grow a stronger community.

The Ningaloo Centre is scheduled to be opened in April 2017.



Ningaloo Centre: The inside story

The Ningaloo Centre is a multipurpose building designed to shape the future economic and social growth of Exmouth. It includes:

- State of the Art wet and dry lab facilities that will be home to University of Western Australia's Ocean's Institute and support research in the Ningaloo Marine Park; it will also provide a new campus for Durack Institute of Technology;
- A conference centre with flexible configuration that will cater for cultural performances like music and drama as well as travelling exhibitions and displays like art and museum exhibitions;
- An interpretive display providing information on Exmouth's unique, World Heritage listed marine and terrestrial experience ;
- An indoor play space and toy library;
- Meeting rooms and a café
- The Exmouth Visitor Centre; and
- Bigger, modern library facilities for the community.



Who is FIRM Construction?

FIRM Construction was the preferred tenderer for the Ningaloo Centre and has set out a 65 week construction schedule to have the building completed.

FIRM is a commercial construction and project management contractor with experience working in the North West of our State.

Some projects FIRM have worked on include the York Sports Centre and Denham Department of Fisheries.

IN 2015 FIRM won the AIB Professional Excellence Award.

Making Exmouth home

Five FIRM Construction employees and one FIRM family will be calling Exmouth home for the next 12 months.

Construction Manager Cam Hinde and his family will move to town early next year and the company will also have a Site Manager, Contracts Administrator, Project Engineer and Foreman based in Exmouth during the build.

Shire of Exmouth CEO Bill Price said that on top of direct investment in the town as a result of local businesses involved in the construction process, bringing more people to town to work and live would provide indirect economic stimulus.

People moving to town will be paying rent, spending money at the shops and enjoying the recreation opportunities that Exmouth has to offer.

That investment represents a significant in-direct economic spin-off from the construction of this project.

FIRM are already setting up accounts with local businesses and suppliers. Anyone seeking more information on FIRMS local content policies and procedures can contact Mr Hinde by email at Cameron@firmconstruction.com.au



Cam Hinde with the water tanker that will be permanently based at the Ningaloo Centre Construction site. Cam is part of FIRMS MOvember team, raising money for men's health.

Keeping the dust down

Prevailing windy weather has not delayed the start of site works at the Ningaloo Centre.

Three water trucks, two being provided by the earthworks contractor and one FIRM tanker are working to keep dust levels down and minimise any potential impact on nearby businesses and residents.

Also minimising dust is the site fence bunting which has now taken on a pindan hue as it traps dust on the worksite.

FIRM Construction Manager North West Cam Hinde said processes were also in place to ensure topsoil being stockpiled on the site did not blow away.

Mr Hinde said that while he did not foresee any major impacts on the community as a result of the Ningaloo Centre construction process, he would be happy to address any concerns that may arise.

Mr Hinde can be contacted by e-mail at Cameron@firmconstruction.com.au.

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