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**SUMMARY:**

- Shire of Exmouth gets green light to move into Ningaloo Centre
  - Centre exhibits open from Monday, 4 December, 2017
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### **Date set for Ningaloo Centre opening**

Exmouth's \$32 million Ningaloo Centre will be open to the public from Monday, 4 December after the Shire of Exmouth received the green light to move its administration centre into the building.

The Shire move paves the way for the Ningaloo Centre's interpretive exhibits to open ahead of the relocation of the Ningaloo Visitor Centre, which is expected to transfer its operations in January 2018.

Central Regional TAFE, the University of Western Australia Oceans Institute and the Gascoyne Development Commission are currently planning their moves into the centre. An expression of interest for the Ningaloo Centre café space will go to market next week.

Shire CEO Cameron Woods said it would be business as usual at the Shire of Exmouth while it relocated to the Ningaloo Centre. The Maidstone Crescent office would close for one day on Friday, 1 December and reopen on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December in the new Ningaloo Centre location. Anyone with urgent enquiries on Friday, 1 December should call the Shire Depot on 9949 1699.

"We have planned the move with minimal disruption to services so there will be minimal impact on the community," he said.

"We are looking forward to welcoming the community into the Ningaloo Centre from Monday, 4 December and providing access to the Reef to Range and En-Route to Exmouth exhibitions," he said.

"The Ningaloo Centre offers new and exciting opportunities for Exmouth as a tourism destination and we will be working closely with local tourism businesses, the visitor centre and the regional and state tourism stakeholders to ensure our community gets maximum benefit from it."

Local residents who want to visit the Ningaloo Centre are encouraged to take up the Shire's free entry offer by registering at [www.exmouth.wa.gov.au/ningaloocentre](http://www.exmouth.wa.gov.au/ningaloocentre) to become Friends of the Ningaloo Centre. Visitor entry fees will be \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and concession card holders.

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