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VC Mitchell Park Project Update

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Upon the conclusion of the Special Council Meeting that took place 16 November 2022, the Council has resolved that Perkins Builders have been formally approved as the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup's construction partner for the VC Mitchell Park Project.

Due to the confidential nature of Perkins Builders' contracts, we are unable to disclose full information on certain details. What we *can* share with you though, is the following:

- Detailed site planning and architectural work are still underway, with key focuses on:
 - Expanding and updating the tennis clubrooms and surroundings.
 - Demolition of the 'old' football club buildings to make way for the development of a two storey, multi-purpose sports and community facility that will house the Donnybrook Football Club.
 - Key infrastructure upgrades to enable the development.
- Contribution of \$3.5m from the Shire, with \$3m via a loan. With record-low borrowings, and the ability to leverage the State's \$6m in co-funding, the Shire's Long Term Financial Plan and 2022-23 Budget makes provision for the loan repayments.
- Contribution of \$6m from the State Government, the largest ever grant secured by the Shire.
- Contribution of \$250k from the Donnybrook Football Club (DFC)
- Contribution of approximately \$120k from the West Australian Football Commission (WAFC)
- Introduction of a new generation of contemporary, multi-purpose sporting and community facilities that will also embrace female participation in sports.
- New hockey pitch and recreation centre upgrades are already completed
 - Also includes two (2) bores, tank, and retic system improvements at the oval

We are very pleased to be moving ahead with this project, and we look forward to the positive changes this will invite into the community.

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