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SUMMARY

- The Shire of Exmouth is providing a \$20,000 Building Incentive Payment for landowners building a residential accommodation or holiday home on vacant land within the Exmouth townsite
- The Building Incentive Payment is designed to stimulate the local construction sector as well as to provide much needed additional accommodation for workers, permanent residents and visitors.

SHIRE OF EXMOUTH BUILDING INCENTIVE PAYMENT TO STIMULATE THE LOCAL ECONOMY

The Economic Stimulus Package was initially endorsed in the 2020/21 budget; it is a reflection of Councils focus to stimulate the economic activity due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Landowners can apply for the \$20,000 Building Incentive Payment as long as the construction of the proposed residential building is not commenced until 1 October 2020 and will be completed by 30 June 2022. The dwelling must be constructed on currently vacant land within the Exmouth gazetted townsite and pass a final inspection by the Shire's Building Surveyor.

Considering the current real estate boom in Exmouth, Council is encouraging landowners to build sooner rather than later – guaranteeing jobs within the local building sector. The development of long-term and short-term residences within the town will increase the Shires income from rate revenue and assist in meeting the shortage of holiday, worker and permanent accommodation.

Further information regarding conditions and an application form can be found on the Shire of Exmouth website: <http://bit.ly/BuildExmouth>

COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SHIRE OF EXMOUTH – SHIRE PRESIDENT MATT NIIKKULA

"The Building Incentive Payment is just one part of our COVID economic recovery plan. We are also working cooperatively with the Exmouth Chamber of Commerce and the Gascoyne Development Commission to explore immediate temporary solutions for workers accommodation whilst investing in facilities and programs to build capacity and resilience for small business."

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