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SUMMARY:

- Shire of Exmouth welcomes Regional Grants Scheme funding for key projects; and
 - \$300,000 for marine infrastructure, \$150,000 for 50 years celebration; \$105,886 for multipurpose community room and storage facility at Paltridge Memorial Swimming Pool.
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Regional Grants Scheme funding a boost for Exmouth

The Shire of Exmouth has welcomed the announcement by Regional Development Minister Terry Redman that it will receive funding for key projects under the Gascoyne Regional Grants Scheme.

Acting Chief Executive Officer Keith Woodward said the funding would help the Shire deliver much needed community projects, including marine infrastructure to support Exmouth's economic growth, upgrades to Paltridge Memorial Swimming Pool facilities and celebrations marking 50 years since the official opening of Exmouth and Naval Communications Station Harold E Holt.

"The Shire has been working with the Gascoyne Development Commission to address the problem of visiting cruise ships not being able to disembark passengers due to Exmouth's lack of reliable marine infrastructure," he said.

"As well as long term planning for a deep water port, investigations are also underway into the delivery of floating dock infrastructure, which would be a quick and relatively low cost solution to this problem. The \$300,000 marine infrastructure grant will contribute to a pool of funding that is intended for project development and planning with all remaining funds carried over to construction.

"The project is intended to provide the Gascoyne with export opportunities from the horticultural, pastoral and seafood industries, provide the necessary infrastructure to capture the growing cruise shipping market, provide employment opportunities and assist in securing long term development from the resource sector."

Mr Woodward said funding for the Paltridge Memorial Pool community room and multi-user storage facility was an important first step in the Shire's plans to upgrade the pool facility.

"The new multi-purpose community room will provide facilities for a range of users. It will be a comfortable, air-conditioned area for dry training sessions for courses including Bronze Medallion, swimming coaching programs and lifeguard re-qualifications."

The allocation of \$150,000 for Exmouth's three day 50 years celebration will significantly contribute to delivery of the proposed event program.

"This funding will enhance destination appeal and promote community inclusion and economic opportunities resulting from the event," Mr Woodward said.

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“Some of the program elements include projection art, a float parade, military style ball, family night out and oral history projects.”

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