



MEDIA STATEMENT

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NEW BALLAJURA YOUTH FACILITY SET FOR CONSTRUCTION

Local Member for West Swan Rita Saffioti has welcomed the turning of the sod of the new Ballajura youth facility.

Ms Saffioti today attended the sod turning ceremony at the site for the new Ballajura youth facility on the corner of Kingfisher Avenue and Illawarra Crescent.

“This ceremony symbolises a bright future for the youth of Ballajura and community facilities for all Ballajura residents,” she said.

“The new facility is a fantastic project, suitably located in the hub of Ballajura and will link well with existing facilities around the Kingfisher precinct.”

The new facility received Federal Government funding through the Safer Suburbs Initiative which kick started the project two years ago. Since then the project also received a significant grant from Lotterywest.

The Dungeon Youth Centre, currently located at Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, will move into the new facility as the main occupants providing their valuable youth service.

With construction of the facility about to commence, the West Swan MLA has stepped up her call for an increase in funding to the Dungeon Youth Centre organisation.

Ms Saffioti said the not-for-profit organisation has increased its workload and with the relocation to a more prominent setting, the Dungeon required an increase to its core funding from the State Government.

“Dungeon staff are now attracting referral work from other organisations and schools and need extra funding to help cope with the workload,” she said.

“I have written the Minister for Youth requesting that the issue of core funding be addressed urgently.”

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