

# Proudly Partnering with Talison Lithium

Shire of Donnybrook Balingup 23 August 2023



The Shire of Donnybrook Balingup is proud to announce its partnership with Talison Lithium to ensure the current stage of the VC Mitchell Park Project is completed in full.

Today, 23 August 2023, marks a significant contribution to the VC Mitchell Park Project funds from Talison Lithium. \$3m has been provided to the Shire, which will ensure that the project will achieve everything possible to provide sporting and community facilities and more.

The core focus of the project so far has been to redevelop Pavilions 1 and 2 at the VC Mitchell Park site. There has been little supporting infrastructure for the intended final product of a regional sporting venue that would also cater to a wider range of needs and facilities for the greater community. The Talison Community Investment Program (CIP) funds will assist the Shire to deliver supplementary works and supporting infrastructure, rounding out the current stage of the project. This funding supports the delivery of the following:

- High-speed NBN.
- Drainage, including overland flood route drainage upgrades.
- New car park and access road, including disabled parking and access that ensures that those with accessibility needs can commute from one end of the precinct to the other.
- Pedestrian footpaths with lighting.
- Landscaping and irrigation.
- Cricket practice nets and synthetic wicket.
- Playgrounds and other opportunities for youth engagement.
- Floodlighting of Tennis hard courts.
- Alternative vehicle access to the oval, and more.

The Shire will continue to work closely with the established Project Consultation Group (PCG), which consists of representatives from the various sports clubs that will predominantly be using the facilities (Football Club, Hockey Clubs, Tennis Club, etc.).

"We are proud to collaborate with Talison Lithium Australia in this exciting venture," stated Gail McGowan, Commissioner of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup. "This partnership not only supports the supplementary works to complete the current stage of the VC Mitchell Park Project, it signifies the potential for a future pipeline of community funding opportunities as the mine expands."



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Talison Lithium General Manager- Operations, Craig Dawson, has said that Talison is proud to partner with the Shire to develop such a significant project under the Talison Community Investment Program (CIP). "This project will see Government, industry and community work together to create a facility which in turn will bring the community of Donnybrook Balingup together in one place that will meet sporting, recreation and social needs," said Mr Dawson.



Image 1 - local children sporting group participants representing boys and girls Tennis & Football.



Image 2 (adults from left to right) - Zac Trigwell, Felicity Graham, Kim Sands, Jason Jarvis, and local Hockey & Football Club youth representatives.

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