

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Community drives new hub**

Community cooperation is playing a big part in creating a new heart for Nyabing, in the Great Southern's north-east.

Five years of fundraising cropping programs are contributing to the town's community hub, which opened its accommodation facilities on Monday 5 December.

Support for the \$527,413 project also included a \$150,000 grant through the Great Southern Development Commission's (GSDC) Regional Grants Scheme, made possible by the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

Later stages of the project will deliver a new community hub building and manager's residence, which are also supported through the Regional Grants Scheme with a \$200,000 grant.

GSDC Chair Ross Thornton said the opening of the six accommodation units in Stage 1 of the project was exciting for Nyabing.

"A great deal of community effort has gone into this project," Mr Thornton said.

"The Commission is pleased to be able to support that kind of commitment.

"Nyabing will now be able to accommodate seasonal workers and tourists, providing an important boost to the town."

Nyabing Progress Association Vice Chair Fiona Hobley said the opening was a great day for the community.

"Nyabing is open for business as a welcoming place for people to come and stay and enjoy our small town," Ms Hobley said.

Mr Thornton said the later stages of the project will provide a venue to support services that might not otherwise be available in the town.

The \$1.47 million Stage 2 of the Nyabing Community Hub will deliver a new building that will include a conference room, meeting room, offices, reception, commercial kitchen, dining and licensed area.



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The office facilities will be available to visiting professionals including doctors and representatives of government and community agencies.

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