

# First hint of new Newman town centre

RESIDENTS were set to get their first glimpse of preparatory work for the visionary Newman Town Centre revitalisation as the Who's Who in Pilbara Business went to press.

This project is part of the Pilbara Cities initiative being led by the Premier Colin Barnett and Minister for Lands and Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls.

Work to upgrade a section of the car park between the Newman Aquatic Centre and the Boulevard Shopping Centre was set to be completed in September, 2011.

Inspecting the site in June with fellow LandCorp board members, chairman Monty House said the work would be completed within three months.

"Along with new lighting, paving and landscaping, the car park will be re-aligned and additional shade sails will be installed to provide more sun protection for shoppers," Mr House said.



**NEW FOR NEWMAN:** The revitalisation of the town centre is underway.

"Water, power and telephone services will also be upgraded."

Mr House said work will be carried out in stages to minimise inconvenience to businesses and shoppers.

"Upgrading the car park is one of many initiatives LandCorp is undertaking in conjunction

with the Shire of East Pilbara and other partners such as BHP Billiton to create the new town centre."

Shire of East Pilbara CEO Allen Cooper said that this is the beginning of a historical transformation of the town precinct which when completed,

will comprehensively improve the retail and commercial aspects around the town.

"It's a \$20 million makeover that's expected to increase business investment into Newman as well as significantly improve the town centre into a modern, vibrant and pedestrian

friendly experience for both residents and visitors," he said.

"I'm very excited about what is planned – it's a credit to everybody involved."

The Newman Town Centre Revitalisation is funded by Royalties for Regions to position Newman to grow from a

population of 6,000 permanent and 2,000 fly-in-fly-out residents to a significant town of up to 15,000 people.

Upgrading of the car park was expected to be completed in September, 2011.