



New facilities: The South Hedland town is undergoing a major revitalisation.

# New facilities to inject life into S. Hedland

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A \$53.94 million injection from the State Government's Royalties for Regions funding in the State Budget last month will open up land for a string of new community facilities in South Hedland.

Lands Minister Brendon Grylls said the allocation would mean LandCorp and the Town of Port Hedland could now start the second stage of the South Hedland town centre revitalisation and prepare land sites for private investors to build on.

South Hedland has a population of 12,000 and is a mostly residential suburb of nearby Port Hedland.

"This will see vacant land in the heart of the town transformed into seven medium-density commercial and residential lots that will improve social amenity in South Hedland as part of the Pilbara Cities vision," Mr Grylls said.

The land is expected to be made available during the next two years and would be earmarked for a

range of purposes including a new library, council offices and an expansion of the aquatic centre.

Mr Grylls said land would also be made available for an entertainment precinct which could include a cinema, restaurants, cafes, bar and boutique shops for the town.

About \$23 million has been spent on the first stage of the town centre upgrade, which is due to be finished in September and includes a realigned main street, a new town square with an amphitheatre, a shaded market walk, water play area, public art and three mixed-use sites for residential and commercial developments.

Mr Grylls said the new funding would attract investors to the town and increase accommodation choices by providing land for an additional 750 homes.

South Hedland and Port Hedland have a combined population of 19,300 but the Royalties for Regions funding aims to allow that to grow to 50,000.