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Nyabing makes way for community hub

Nyabing has started demolishing parts of its hotel to make way for a new community hub and accommodation.

Demolition of parts of the Nyabing Inn started on Monday 4 April to make way for six accommodation units for short-term visitors and seasonal workers.

The work is the first stage of an ambitious project that will eventually completely refurbish the hotel site with a community hub offering facilities for community groups, local businesses and visiting professionals.

Stage one of the project is supported by \$150,000 through the Great Southern Development Commission's (GSDC) Regional Grants Scheme, made possible through the State Government's Royalties for Regions program.

GSDC Deputy Chair Ross Thornton said starting the \$527,413 first stage was an exciting time for the town.

"The Nyabing community has worked hard to make this project happen," Mr Thornton said.

"Through their community cropping program, they have raised a significant proportion of the funds for the project.

"Their commitment augurs well for the long-term success of the community hub."

Nyabing Progress Association Vice President Fiona Hoblely said the project was a game-changer for the town.

"We haven't had suitable accommodation in Nyabing for a long time and it's a huge thing to start on our new units," Mrs Hoblely said.

"New infrastructure in our town will revitalise the main street and offer a multi-function hub centre.

"We all look forward to 2018 when we can start to use the all the facilities at the community hub."



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Mrs Hobley said the Nyabing community was about to start its fifth cropping program, which has been the key community fundraiser towards the project.

The 900-hectare barley crop to be sown this year is similar in scale to the previous year's community crop that raised \$300,000 towards the project's first stage.

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