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Broomehill holds records

Broomehill has a new responsibility as the holder of archival records for four Great Southern local governments.

Wagin MLA Terry Waldron opened the Broomehill Archive Repository on Thursday 7 November and also took the opportunity to celebrate the opening of Sheridan's Memorial Garden.

The Broomehill Archive Repository is a shared document storage for the Shires of Broomehill-Tambellup, Kojonup, Cranbrook and Plantagenet.

It incorporates a library for the Broomehill community and makes use of the former Broomehill Shire Council office building, which was under-used following the 2008 amalgamation of the Shires of Broomehill and Tambellup.

Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC) Chairman Peter Rundle said the repository project was undertaken following a feasibility study that was part-funded by a \$20,000 Royalties for Regions grant through GSDC.

"The result is a step forward for four of the region's local governments," Mr Rundle said.

"Each of the Shires involved can now store records in a climate-controlled and secure location.

"I commend the Shires on the cooperation they undertook to achieve this project," Mr Rundle said.

Country Local Government Funding supported the \$416,000 project to convert the building into a repository and refurbish its library, toilets and reception area.

Sheridan's Memorial Garden, also opened by Mr Waldron, is a park development between Broomehill's hotel and town hall.

It is part of a Broomehill Village Heritage Precinct plan prepared by the Shire in 2011, aided by \$6000 in Royalties for Regions small grants funding through the GSDC's Regional Grants Scheme.

Sheridan's Memorial Garden is named for local pioneer Kathleen Sheridan, a resident of Broomehill in the early 20th century.



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Mrs Sheridan was the licensee of the Imperial Hotel and commissioned the construction of Sheridan Hall, which was acquired by the Broomehill Road Board in 1917 and became the Broomehill Shire Hall.

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