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Haven for Gnowangerup visitors

Travellers have a new incentive to spend time in Gnowangerup following the opening of a travel stop in the central Great Southern town.

Accommodating up to 12 caravans, the \$287,000 travel stop was built by the Shire of Gnowangerup with the support of \$80,000 in Royalties for Regions funding through the Regional Grants Scheme (RGS) of the Great Southern Development Commission (GSDC).

Wagin MLA Terry Waldron opened the travel stop on Sunday 25 November.

Gnowangerup Shire President Kerry Stone congratulated the Gnowangerup Progress Association for its initiative in setting up the project and said the facility would provide new short-stay options for tourists and contract workers.

“Other locations in the Shire of Gnowangerup could accommodate caravans and motor homes, but the town of Gnowangerup has been missing out until now,” Mrs Stone said.

“This fills a gap and will encourage visitors to include time in Gnowangerup in their travel plans.”

The design of the travel stop allows for later expansion to double its capacity.

GSDC Board Chairman Peter Rundle said the project would benefit tourism and the wider economy in Gnowangerup.

“Tourists and travellers contribute to the local economy and the travel stop will give them an opportunity to linger,” Mr Rundle said.

“Contractors and other workers will also be able to use the travel stop, easing the process of getting skilled labour for short-term employment.”

The travel stop project was also supported by Federal Government funding from the Department of Resources, Energy and Tourism.

While in Gnowangerup, Mr Waldron also formally opened the Gnowangerup Homes for the Aged project, which provided two self-contained units for aged people needing low-maintenance accommodation but who are not ready for a residential option.



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Royalties for Regions funding of \$150,000 through the RGS supported the \$300,000 aged accommodation project.

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