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Aged care, community health on Royalties for Regions agenda

The first 14 projects to receive funding under the Regional Development Council's Action Agenda Funding Round were announced today by Regional Development Minister Brendon Grylls.

The Minister said this Royalties for Regions package amounting to \$24.6 million over four years will stimulate the development of Aged Care and Community Health services in the regions.

"These strategically important projects align with key focus areas suggested to the Council by the Western Australian Regional Development Trust, and they signify a vitally important boost for regional development.

"With a focus on Aged Care and Community Health, social infrastructure needs in regional communities will be supported through this assistance package," Mr Grylls said

Great Southern Development Commission Board Chairman Peter Rundle welcomed the news that three projects in the Great Southern were set to receive funding in this round. The projects announced included:

- Albany Hospice (\$4.26 million)
- New Hawthorn House (\$992,334)
- Tambellup Independent Living Seniors Accommodation (\$585,000)

"This funding will enable the delivery of a number of projects that will have a positive outcome and lasting benefit for our community," Mr Rundle said.

"Aged care and community health initiatives in the regions are vitally important and we are so pleased that our residents will benefit from an expansion of them," he said.



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Minister Grylls added that under the Action Agenda, the Council was responsible for prioritising investment decisions to achieve more effective regional development outcomes that result in a legacy for regional communities, and these investment decisions highlight their capacity to undertake this role.

The Department of Regional Development and Lands administered the Action Agenda on behalf of the Council in conjunction with the nine Regional Development Commissions.

Fact file:

- **14 Aged Care and Community Health projects approved**
- **\$24.6 million in Royalties for Regions funding**
- **Projects approved through the Regional Development Council's Action Agenda Funding Round**

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