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Tender awarded for Stage One of community centre complex

Construction on Stage One of the much anticipated Agnes Water Community Centre Complex is poised to commence, with Gladstone Regional Council last week awarding the project tender to local construction company Finecorp Industries.

Council's Parks & Recreation Portfolio spokesperson, Councillor Gail Sellers said a total of 10 tenders were received for the project, all of which were considered under a comprehensive tender assessment process taking some weeks.

"Finecorp Industries were ultimately decided upon as Council felt they best met the tender selection criteria, and are importantly a local company who have been involved in the housing and construction industry for many years," Cr Sellers said.

"They represented the best value outcome for Council for this very exciting project."

It is expected that construction on Stage One of the community centre will commence in the next four to six weeks, and will involve the clearing of the building footprint by Council's tree crew, and Infrastructure Services undertaking the bulk earthworks for the centre's new car parks, which will include bitumen sealing and kerbing.

Once commenced the two staged construction project will take 12 months to complete.

The \$1.026 million Stage One of the project, funded through the Commonwealth Government Regional and Local Communities Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) in an effort to stimulate additional growth and economic activity in Australia as part of the government's contribution to address the effects of the global economic crisis, will involve the relocation and expansion of the Agnes Water Rural Transaction Centre and the Tourist Information Centre.

Stage Two works on the centre, funded by Council with some support from the Federal Government, will include the construction of a multi-function community facility and library to adjoin the Stage One relocated Rural Transaction Centre.

Cr Sellers urged local residents and visitors to follow any advisory signage once Stage One construction commenced, as "access may be limited in the vicinity of these works at certain times to ensure the safety of the public, construction workers and Council staff".

The completed centre will also include a main hall for large community functions, a large fully equipped kitchen, toilet and change facilities, and smaller meeting rooms.

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It will act as a Disaster Recovery centre in times of emergencies, allow for limited sporting activity such as basketball, and the existing facilities may also be utilised and be converted into a youth drop in centre at a later date.

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