



PROJECT UPDATE

Coolgardie Post Office - Coolgardie Innovation and Economic Development Centre

Project Objective

Built in 1894, when Coolgardie was the third largest town in WA, the building housed government services for 25,000 residents.

The Coolgardie Innovation and Economic Development Centre project will revitalize the internal areas of the Post Office Complex to create Aboriginal Training facilities, a Cultural and Community Hub, a micro-business shared office area and a variety of museum and visitor spaces.

This project was estimated to be completed by January 2022, but due to the devastating fire in September 2021, this deadline has been extended.

The Coolgardie Post Office has various ongoing projects

1) Upgrade / refurbishment of 5 out of the 8 tenancies.

COMPLETED ACTIONS

- Project tendered, contract issued and works started
- Rectified damage to building, dry-out and treat rising damp remove and replace render and damaged stone, remove and reinstate damaged timber floors, rectified plumbing issues including pre-lay works, electrical rewire /upgrade where specified, installed concrete air drains, and work started on the separate toilet block.
- Obtained scope of work, documentation and drawings to rectify fire damage, tenancy 4 and 6

UPCOMING WORKS

- Rectify fire and water damage to tenancy 4 and 6
- Complete toilet block, veranda, kitchen and all finishing and fit-off works for Tenancy 1 through 4 by end of April 22. To note, tenancy 4 has sustained fire damage and this may delay the handover for this tenancy
- Expected completion for tenancy 6, which is now delayed due to fire and water damage, will be by the end of May 22.

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2) Replacing the roof and incidentals to the entire building due to hail damage (Stage 3 insurance work)

COMPLETED ACTIONS

- Insurance companies have agreed to the claim, project tendered, and contract issued awaiting delivery of materials.

UPCOMING WORKS

- Now impacted by the fire in tenancy 5, With some damage extending into tenancy 4 and 6
- Currently Due for completion end of April 22 including the rebuild for the roof structure of tenancy 5
- Note; this timeline may be impacted by supply chain issues and labour shortages.

3) Rebuild Fire damaged tenancy 5 (Insurance Claim)

COMPLETED ACTIONS

- Made insurance claim, obtained structural engineers report, cleaned out debris and made site safe.
- Engaged suitable heritage consultant and architect's along with specialized consultants for relevant works, i.e. structural engineer, hydraulics, electrical etc.
- Identified / established parameters for future intended use, providing scope to consultants.
- Our consultants are currently liaising with the heritage council and other stake holders to provide the shire with specification's drawings and documentation for tender

UPCOMING WORKS

- Obtain specifications, drawings, documentation for rebuild of tenancy 5
- Request tenders and issue contract for building works
- Obtain building permits etc. commence building works

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