



Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison (EGRP) Redevelopment News



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Clearance starts on prison site

Site clearance has begun on the Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison redevelopment site in Kalgoorlie in preparation for beginning of construction.

Department of Corrective Services (DCS) Deputy Commissioner Adult Custodial Heather Harker said while clearance had been delayed by the finding of dumped asbestos on the site in August 2013, it was not expected to have a significant impact on construction timelines.

“We are looking forward to seeing our designs take shape when construction starts,” she said. “The new prison will have 350 beds to accommodate men and women in a mixture of traditional cell blocks and cottage type accommodation.”

Ms Harker said the focus of the new prison was very much on the rehabilitation of prisoners. “The current 100-bed prison is an ageing facility that does not serve the needs of modern correctional practice,” she said.

“The new facility will have a variety of education and vocational teaching spaces. Education, skills development and rehabilitative programs are central to the prison’s function, with the primary aim of reducing re-offending. It will also allow more

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Work starts on new site next to existing prison.

Aboriginal prisoners to serve out their sentences closer to community and family supports.”

EGRP Superintendent Peter Ilich said the redevelopment project provided some great opportunities for individuals, businesses and service providers in Kalgoorlie.

“As well as employment for builders and contractors, there will be a recruitment drive for up to 150 workers at the facility closer to its completion,” he said. “There will also be opportunities for service providers as we determine our program offerings.”

The redevelopment is being designed, built, financed and maintained by the Assure Partners’ consortium which includes a joint venture between John Holland Pty Ltd and Pindan Contracting Pty Ltd to construct the facility.

The prison is scheduled to be operational in November 2015.