



# Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison (EGRP) Redevelopment News



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## First concrete pour at new prison site

A significant milestone has been achieved in the redevelopment of the Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison (EGRP), with the concrete slab for the External Administration being poured last week.

Department of Corrective Services Deputy Commissioner Adult Justice Services Shayne Maines said that the multi-dimensional project was progressing well.

“In addition to the work that has been completed to prepare the site for construction, we are also focused on the important job of planning new routines and procedures that fit with the new facility – where community safety is paramount and rehabilitation is central to our working philosophy.

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The redevelopment project has already created employment for builders and contractors within the region and is set to create up to 150 new positions based at the prison.

EGRP Superintendent Peter Ilich said that the facility would need new staff – in addition to existing employees – and he was hoping to recruit from a diverse pool of people with a range of backgrounds, skills and experience.

“While we have over a year to go until the prison is up and running, I am encouraging people from all walks of life – including Aboriginal people, women, older and younger people, anyone with a passion for making a difference – to register their interest early.

The prison will need a range of staff from administrators through to vocational support workers, ready and able to pass on their skills in areas such as metal-work, carpentry, mechanics, and even the arts.”

Mr Ilich said that education and skills training are vital ingredients in improving offender success on release and the new facility will have a strong focus on rehabilitative programs.

Providing a net increase of 250 beds to the WA prison system, the new prison will also allow Aboriginal prisoners to serve out their sentences closer to community support.



The first concrete ground slab is poured