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Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre construction update

The Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre has reached a significant milestone this week with the timber portal columns beginning to be moved into position.

Mayor Daryl Quilliam said progress would now be much more visible to people as this phase of the construction commences.

"People will now start to see the building take shape and it will be exciting to see that progress in the coming months," he said.

Although the centre was initially projected to be open in December this year, recent weather events have had an impact on the opening date.

"The weather in July and August presented particularly challenging times for the construction team and have contributed to delaying the construction program into the 2019 calendar year," Mayor Quilliam said.

"The opening date for the centre will be reviewed by Council once the roof has been completed and further updates provided."

Mayor Quilliam acknowledged that people would be disappointed that the centre would not be open by Christmas.

"I hope people will appreciate that it's important to take the time to put the work into building a facility that will last," he said.

"While it may not be opening as early as we'd have liked; the good news is the construction budget remains on track."

Council is close to finalising arrangements for contracted centre management and will be making an announcement in the next week.

The contractor is expected to begin recruitment for centre staff in September.

The Circular Head Community Wellbeing Centre is a project being jointly funded with \$3.8M from the Australian Government and \$3.5M from the Tasmanian State Government with the Circular Head Council funding the remainder of the project.