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Circular Head Reuse Shop Open for Business

Circular Head Council received \$350,000 in funding through the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) program in June 2020 for the design and construction of a tip shop at the White Hills Waste Transfer Station.

Council's Waste Strategy 2019-2024 is committed to diverting waste from landfill and a tip shop service is a well-recognised method for increasing reuse of goods to help minimise waste.

The LRCI Program, supports local councils to deliver community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic did however create many challenges, including increased pressure on the supply chain, which resulted in construction delays and increased costs of building materials. As a result, in January, Council decided to allocate approximately \$120,000 from savings on other projects to ensure that the quality of the build was not compromised.

Council contracted Stubbs Constructions to provide building services for the Tip Shop, with Sheds N Homes in Wynyard constructing the sheds. Following a public Expression of Interest process, City Mission has been selected to operate the tip shop under an agreement with Council.

City Mission's CEO Stephen Brown said he hoped the community would get behind the tip shop and consider either donating goods, volunteering and, of course, coming in and shopping.

"We are excited to continue and deepen our involvement in the Circular Head community through this shop. The shop will initially be stocked with quality items from our other NW shops, so will be a great place to find a bargain right from the start. The proceeds will be reinvested in the community to support City Mission's work with children (Inside Out 4 Kids) and Drug and Alcohol Services on the NW", he said.

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Circular Head Mayor, Daryl Quilliam said "This is a fantastic project and despite the challenges, the project is now finished. Construction and fit-out is complete, the tip shop is stocked and the doors are open to the public. This is an exciting new development for our municipality and I hope the community will flock here and support the shop and City Mission."

The new tip shop opens on Monday 27 June and will operate the same hours as the White Hills Waste Transfer Station.

Hours of operation: Daily from 10am to 4pm - *Closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day, Good Friday and ANZAC Day.*

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