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\$132,000 Grant For Willetton Child Care Association

Dr Mike Nahan, the Member for Riverton congratulated the Willetton Child Care Association on gaining a \$132,000 Lotterywest grant to enable the community-based child care centre to undertake building additions and alterations to refurbish the kitchen and bathroom areas at the popular centre.

"This grant will make such a difference to this important community asset," said Dr Nahan.

"I have been working with the President of the centre, Lindsay Holland, to help them get this grant and it is very pleasing that it has finally come through after all their hard work."

Dr Nahan said the Department of Communities purposely built the child care centre more than 20 years ago and it caters for children from 0 - 6 year olds.

"The centre operates under a Deed of License between the State of WA acting through the Department for Communities and the Willetton Child Care Association. A second lease is also in place through the City of Canning with the Department of Communities regarding the land," said Dr Nahan.

"More than 100 local families utilize the services at the centre but in recent times, the facilities have become quite run down and badly in need of an upgrade. It has been providing these services to the community for more than two decades, operating 50 weeks a year and the refurbishment will see it continue strongly for many more years to come."

Dr Nahan said Lotterywest grants provide a vital source of support for public hospitals, sports, the arts and thousands of community groups each year.

"Western Australia is the only State in Australia where the profits from the Lottery games are returned directly back to the community in the form of grants," said Dr Nahan.

"Since its establishment in 1933, Lotterywest has provided over \$3 billion to the WA community through its grants programme."

Dr Nahan said he will be attending a special morning tea on Friday 18 February at 10am at the centre to make the formal presentation of the Lotterywest cheque for \$132,000 to the President Lindsay Holland and the parents and children.

"I am very pleased to have played a pivotal role in helping this group to secure the funding. If any other community groups would like assistance with applications for Lotterywest grants or if they would like a letter of support for a particular grant, I would be very happy to assist."

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