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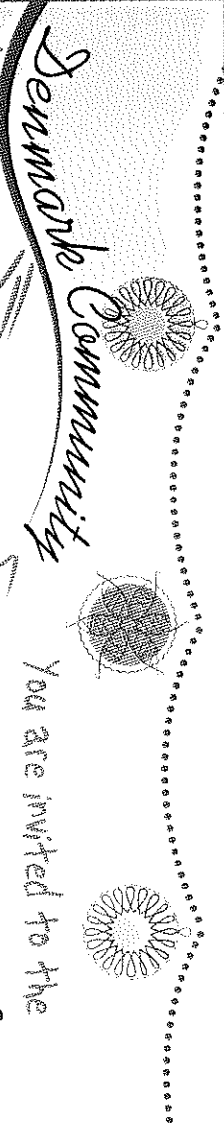
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Annual Christmas Parade
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Riverside funds secured

THE Denmark Riverside Club has secured \$500,000 from the Federal Government after a Coalition Government overhaul had put the funding in doubt. Previously, the Shire of Denmark had been given the nod on behalf of the club for \$500,000 from Regional Development Australia, for which a contract had to be finalised by the end of this month. But following the September Federal election, Regional Development Minister Warren Truss reviewed all RDA funding for which

there were no final contracts. Mr Truss gave the \$500,000 allocated under round three of RDA funds the tick on Tuesday morning following talks with O'Connor MHR Rick Wilson. Stage one of the \$7.2 million project now relies on a State Government Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund grant for about \$700,000. The club will learn if that grant has been successful in February. Riverside project stage one joint team leader Geoff Bowley de-

scribed the announcement from Mr Truss as 'brilliant'. He praised the diligence of Mr Wilson in the project and was confident of a successful outcome with the CSRF, as it would be a 'joint arrangement' between the Federal and State governments. Mr Bowley expected construction work involving the replacement of the bowling club building to begin in the second half of next year. This will be a big, single-storey clubhouse with external viewing areas and walkways.

This will transform the existing Denmark Bowling Club facilities into a multi-use facility for 300-plus club members, involved in bowling, dragon boating, canoe and classic boating. Mr Wilson said Mr Truss had reviewed the non-contracted funding commitments because the funding model was flawed. The Labor Government had tied \$1 billion in regional development funding to the Mineral Resources Rent Tax for which there had been a shortfall.



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