

# MP receives plans for \$2.2m Denmark Riverside Club



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Construction on stage one of the much-anticipated \$2.2 million Denmark Riverside Club will begin this year after plans were presented to Federal Member for O'Connor Rick Wilson last week.

The development will provide a 200-seat function centre in Denmark for sporting and small community groups.

Situated on the river, the facility will host lawn bowls, dragon boats, kayaks and classic boats.

Mr Wilson recently confirmed \$500,000 of funding for the club through round three of the Australian Government Regional Development Australia Fund.

The club presented Mr Wilson with plans that will go before the Denmark Shire Council on May 6.

Mr Wilson said the project was important to the community and the Shire of Denmark.

Shire of Denmark chief executive Dale Stewart said they were still waiting for the final piece of the puzzle from the Community Sporting Recreation Facilities Fund.

"We are hopeful that the State Government will come to the party with the last bit of funding and that will make the project worth \$2.2 million," he said.

Mr Stewart said he was hopeful everything would be finalised in the next couple of weeks.

"It will then commence hopefully in July and take around 12 months of construction," he said.

Denmark councillor Belinda Rowland said the riverside project was going full steam ahead.

"We are now very confident that the construction of the landmark new facility will start later this year," she said.

"The Denmark and wider community will benefit from the 200-seat multi-user function centre as a sustainable and flexible facility for boating, dragon boating and kayaking.

"It will be a base for other small community groups in an iconic building, at the main entry point to Denmark."

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Rick Wilson with social lawn bowlers at the Denmark Riverside Club.