



Spalding Revitalisation Project

Information and Frequently asked questions

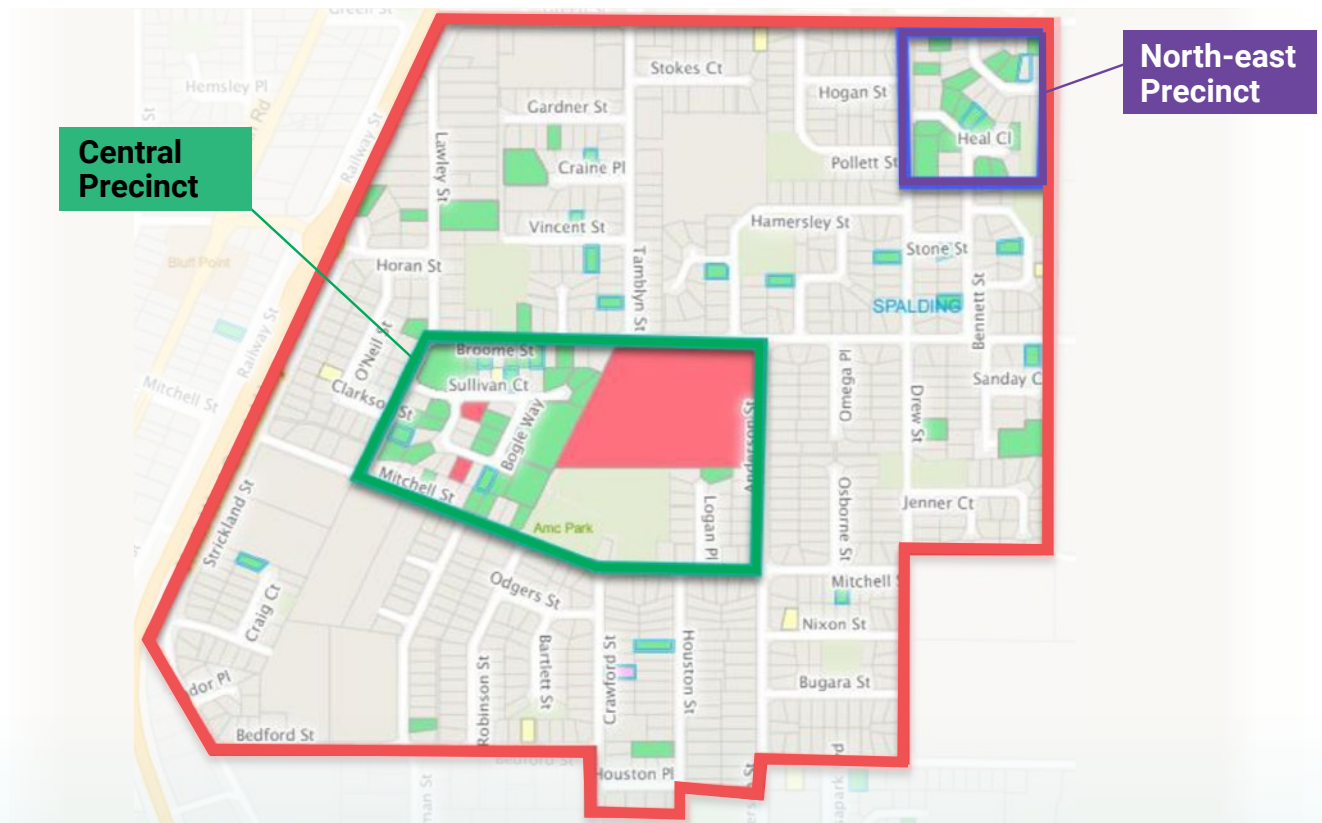
The Spalding Revitalisation Project is being delivered by The Department of Communities (Communities) in partnership with the City of Greater Geraldton to increase housing diversity and improve amenity and connectivity within the suburb of Spalding.

Background

The suburb of Spalding is located approximately 4.5km north-east of the Geraldton City Centre.

While the Spalding Revitalisation Project (the Project) seeks to achieve outcomes that will benefit the entire suburb; Communities interests are concentrated in two sub-areas illustrated in the diagram:

- Central Precinct (green)
- North-east Precinct (purple)



Over the past decade Communities has actively invested in maintaining its social housing stock within Spalding and, since 2017, Communities has invested approximately \$750,000 into the community. This investment has supported:

- the construction of new roads outside of the Project scope
- preparations for future road construction for the Project
- precinct planning to define the vision and guide strategic direction for future government investment within Spalding
- community engagement
- the establishment of a community garden.

The City of Greater Geraldton (the City) has also previously allocated funding for fences, gates, park and road maintenance in the suburb.

In 2021, the State Government committed a further \$9 million to kick-start revitalisation works in Spalding through the Spalding Revitalisation Project.

What has happened in the Project so far?

Residents may have noticed some changes already underway within Spalding.

Old properties requiring significant investment and maintenance have been demolished to make way for new road connections, and the external refurbishment of existing social dwellings has commenced.

Behind the scenes, Communities and the City have been planning for new access roads, park upgrades and landscaping works.



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What are some of the community benefits of the Project?

Benefits to be included through the project include:

- increased accessibility within and around Spalding through improved road and pedestrian connections
- housing refurbishments and street beautification that will help improve the look and feel of the area
- new homes will be built to a gold standard of accessibility
- improved community parks and buildings.

What funding has the State Government committed to the Project?

In July 2021, the State Government approved \$20 million for regional renewal initiatives, of which \$9 million was allocated to the Spalding Revitalisation Project.

Communities is providing additional investment into Spalding that will support:

- refurbishments of an additional 12 public housing units
- upgrades to AMC Park and Mitchell Street Community Centre
- new footpaths.

How will the \$9 million allocated to Spalding be spent?

The funding will be spent on:

- the refurbishment of 35 public housing properties
- the relocation of tenants, and demolition of 12 untenable public housing homes to enable new road construction
- the construction of a new road connection between Bogle Way and Mitchell Street (managed by the City of Greater Geraldton)
- general landscaping works
- the appointment of specialist consultants.

When will this stage of the Project be completed?

The Project is part of a long-term plan to revitalise Spalding.

This stage is expected to be completed by 30 June 2024.



Why were existing houses in the area demolished?

Existing houses were demolished to enable the construction of new connector roads. These changes mean that travel within and around Spalding will be easier and quicker for community members.

Communities' Regional Officers worked closely with each of the tenants to find suitable alternative accommodation.

Is Communities replacing the demolished public housing properties with new ones?

Communities will be replacing the 12 public housing properties identified for demolition with eight new public housing properties. The properties will be built in the Greater Geraldton area, not in Spalding, reducing the concentration of public housing in the suburb.

How will the new road connection between Bogle Way and Mitchell Street impact the community?

The road connection will increase connection with Spalding.

Any disruptions due to construction will be communicated with residents before they occur to minimise community impact.

Complimentary landscaping works and improved pedestrian connectivity will be included as part of the works.

Who came up with the AMC Park Master Plan?

Landscape architects and urban designers, UDLA, worked closely with the Spalding Urban Renewal Team, a group made up of local residents, service providers and business operators along with year six Bluff Point Primary School students, to develop the Master Plan.

What other social impacts will the Project have on Spalding?

The Project aims to increase community safety within Spalding by increasing passive surveillance within the suburb.

Providing enhanced streetscapes, improving road connections and public areas encourages more people to be present in the community. This provides more eyes on the street which acts as a deterrent and reduces opportunities for anti-social behaviour.

Where can I find more information?

For more information, contact the Department of Communities at spaldingrenewal@communities.wa.gov.au or visit the City of Greater Geraldton website: www.cgg.wa.gov.au

