



Premier opens Centre

and performing arts, a Community Resource Centre and the environment.

The centre offered many amenities and would assist in attracting economic, social and tourism benefits.

For some time, Dalwallinu has capitalised on its natural environment advantages – in particular, the unique flora within the shire that attracts tourists to the region every year.

The wildflower and interactive displays will attract many visitors to the centre, as well as providing a centre for the community of Dalwallinu.

The building's innovative design enabled harvesting of rain water and a 'wave' style roof ensured minimum use of heating and cooling throughout the year.

Many other dignitaries graced the opening ceremony including the Federal Member for Durack Barry Haase, the Member for Moore Grant Woodhams, Planning, Culture and the Arts Minister John Day, Members for the Agriculture Region Jim Chown and Brian Ellis and patron of the building project Ernie Bridge.

Many other community activities had been planned for the weekend in honour of Dalwallinu's centenary celebrations and shire president Robert Nixon invited all guests to participate in the many varied events that would be taking place over the two days.

PREMIER Colin Barnett officially opened the Dalwallinu Discovery Centre as part of the Wheatbelt town's centenary celebrations last weekend.

The concept of the Dalwallinu Discovery Centre began in 2002 and building started last year.

The Shire of Dalwallinu provided \$1.5 million for the project, with a further \$1.9 million in state government funding, including \$802,000 from Royalties for Regions.

Mr Barnett said the centre had taken some time to develop but would be a central hub not only for Dalwallinu but the surrounding region.

"The centre will offer a variety of services and facilities including environmental interpretive displays, visual and performing arts space as well as government services, education and youth support," he said.

"The building symbolises so much about the community of Dalwallinu; a community prepared to invest in itself and prepared to be bold and innovative, without compromising on quality.

"I congratulate Dalwallinu on its centenary and with this type of program and development in place, this community has a positive and vibrant future.

"There is great opportunity ahead for the community particularly with the growing mining industry.

"It strikes me that this town is very proud of its achievements and future."

The Dalwallinu Discovery Centre is focusing on three areas – community



Declared open: Premier Colin Barnett, shire president Robert Nixon and building project patron Ernie Bridge at the official opening of the Discovery Centre last Saturday.



Opened: The Discovery Centre is now officially opened for business

Indian Ocean Drive opening

PREMIER Colin Barnett will open the final stage of the Lancelin to Cervantes Road – Indian Ocean Drive stage two on Sunday, September 19 at 10.45am.

The ceremony will take place about 17 kilometres south of Cervantes.

The community is invited to a 'Road Dedication' celebration at Cervantes from about 1.30pm.

Transport Minister Simon O'Brien will attend the function at about 2pm.