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Let there be light at Railways

Railways Football Club has moved out of the dark ages thanks to a major lighting upgrade which is now in operation.

The club's brand-new 100 lux lights were officially switched this week, meaning the club can train and play night games in crisp bright illumination.

The project is part of the long-term Centennial Park Sporting Precinct development, which is expected to revolutionise sport and recreation in Albany.

At an official switching-on ceremony this week, Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington said the project had been talked about for 40 years and it was gratifying to see it become reality.

Earlier this month it was announced an additional AFL training oval would be included in the designs for the project, meaning fledgling club Albany Sharks will eventually have a home ground.

Established clubs Railways and North Albany will retain their home grounds. Royals and Sharks will call the flagship Premier Oval their home ground, and share the new training oval.

Railways is expected to commence further renovations following this football season.

Work on the multi-use field behind Albany PCYC is nearing completion.

Detailed design work on the next stages of the overall project is now being conducted.

The City acknowledges the Department of Sport and Recreation for funding this project through the 2008 Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund.

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Background summary of Centennial Park Sporting Precinct upgrade

- New Premier Oval, grandstand, clubrooms, event space, and training oval
- Drainage and reticulation improvements.
- Improved vehicle access and circulation spaces.
- Sport fields lighting and power upgrades.
- Ambient and aesthetic lighting throughout the Precinct improving public safety.
- Additional (multi-user) soccer and cricket club room and storage facilities.
- New multi-use field behind the PCYC.
- Additional space for playing surfaces.
- Shared pathway trail connections.
- Installation of park furniture.
- Civic park, nature play space and Aboriginal heritage acknowledgement.
- Public amenity improvements.
- Integrated signage, interpretation and public art.