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Glenn and Pat Medlend Pavilion revealed

This Friday will see the official naming ceremony of the newly constructed Glenn and Pat Medlend Pavilion at the BRAC sports fields.

Shire President Graeme Campbell said the new facility was a showcase \$2million investment in sports and community services in Broome and its name was a fitting tribute to two people who had contributed over 30 years to the benefit of sports, recreation and community services in Broome.

“Glenn and Pat Medlend have lived in Broome for over 36 years and made a significant contribution to the development of the town,” said Graeme.

“As Shire Councillors, Glenn served four terms from 1979 to 1991 and Pat, two terms from 1992 to 1988. Glenn was chairman of the Sports and Recreation Committee for 18 years and was instrumental in helping develop much needed local sporting facilities and organising the Sports Star of the Year Awards for 18 years and he and Pat sponsored the Senior Award for some years.

“He was also closely involved in organising teams from Broome to attend the 1988 and 1992 Northwest Games. In 1995, he was involved with the organisation of the Northwest Games held in Broome which hosted over 1500 competitors and was deemed to be the most successful north-west regional games held. Glenn has also been actively involved in countless other sporting clubs over the years, including cricket, football, tennis, golf, surfing and the turf club to name a few.

“During her time on Council, Pat became the first elected female president of the Shire. She successfully lobbied for better medical and aged care in Broome during her term.

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“In 1979, Pat was almost solely responsible for reviving netball in Broome and became President for the next two decades. It was through her efforts that the new netball courts were built in Chinatown and the game flourished to where it is today. She has also been the recipient of the ABC Broome Sports Personality of the Year and Sports Star of the Year.

“The new pavilion features four team change rooms, a canteen, meeting room, store room, and a lovely covered outdoor area which will allow people to enjoy the sports being played on the field.

“The design, practicality and amenity of the building means that it can be used by sporting and community groups alike, making it a multi-purpose resource for the whole community to utilise.

“The Shire acknowledges and thanks the Department of Sport and Recreation and the Country Local Government Fund Royalties for Regions program for their financial assistance in making this project possible.”

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