



Artist impressions of Perth Park showing an aerial overview, amphitheatre and community facility. Left: Rita Saffioti. Right: Supercars legend facility. Right: Supercars legend facility. Picture: Jackson Flindell

# 'PERTH PARK' TO

Roger & Rita reveal new images to prove \$217m Burswood blitz is a

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These are the images the State Government hopes will win over the critics of its controversial \$217.5 million entertainment and sporting precinct at Burswood, which it says will be unlike anything the city has seen.

After months of criticism, the Government has rebadged the precinct as Perth Park, highlighting that the 28ha will also be home to a new amphitheatre, a multi-storey function and sporting facility, bike tracks and a hospitality venue.

A summary of a long-awaited business case into the project shows \$61m in economic

benefits each year. The project is now headed for a start date of early next year, with completion slated for 2027.

"This precinct — unlike anything we have in WA — has something for everyone, and when complete, it will be a place all Western Australians can be proud of," Premier Roger Cook told *The Sunday Times*.

"Not only will Perth Park — right on our city's doorstep — serve as our premier entertainment and sporting precinct, incorporating Optus Stadium, Crown Perth and Belmont Park Racecourse, it will provide our community with exciting new facilities."

Perth Park will include a 12,000-capacity amphitheatre

for concerts and events — down from the 20,000 capacity announced during the election campaign. It will also have a multi-use building with a rooftop terrace that can be used for functions, and two indoor courts for sports including basketball, badminton, rugby and tennis for athletes of all abilities.

Part of the site, which also includes a landscaped parkland, has been set aside for a new hospitality venue that could be either a restaurant or a pub.

The Government will this week seek expressions of interest for private businesses to invest and operate it.

The Government is also providing more detail about

its Supercars Championship plans, with roads around the park — Victoria Park and Camfield drives and a realigned Roger MacKay Drive — to be closed for three days once a year for the event.

It's banking on international exposure to an estimated 455 million homes worldwide as strong exposure for the city and State.

An internal track is also being built to complete the 3.4km motor sport street circuit to feature 12 turns that will allow speeds of 240km/h.

When not in use for the motor sports event, the internal track can be used by cyclists, as well as another 1km training track.

The Government has put a

\$23m construction price tag on the racetrack and bike facilities, and has enlisted three-time V8 Supercar champion and seven-time winner of Australia's most prestigious motor race, Bathurst 1000, Craig Lowndes, to its cause.

Lowndes, who will join the Premier to officially launch Perth Park, said an annual street circuit race would attract significant interstate and overseas attention, bringing in big dollars to the WA capital.

"Street circuits, like Adelaide, create huge interest in the city in which they are held," he told *The Sunday Times*.

"People come from far and wide — so accommodation,

investing in the city will be massive."

The site set aside for the project is predominantly owned by the Government, but 3.5ha is owned by Crown and it remains unclear how it will be acquired.

That land lot is a southern portion of what was a golf course, which former premier Colin Barnett sold to Crown in 2013, a Government spokesperson said, adding that a condition of the deal was development on that land had to start in 2020 and be completed by 2028.

That has not happened. "At which point, under the terms struck at the time, the State Government could purchase the land back," the spo-