

**VIEW LUNCHEON**

Caboolture VIEW Club has a luncheon on St Patricks Day, March 17, at the RSL Club, 10.30am. Speaker will Friends of the Street Co-ordinator Phil McLean. Visitors welcome. Phone 043828 3619.

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# Dig plans launched at historic park site

PLANS are under way for an archaeological dig on the Northeast Business Park (NBP) site after a study revealed the presence of artefacts dating from the late 19th century.

These include remnants of a staircase, wells, handmade bricks and railway foundations.

NBP chief executive officer Jeff Smith said the recent study suggested there were many historically valuable artefacts on site that gave an insight into the area's European and South Sea Islander history.

"The old homestead site is an extremely significant area because it has remained relatively undisturbed and in private ownership since the start of the 20th century," Mr Smith said.

"This initial assessment by the Department of Environment and Resource Management and our own archaeologist has indicated the site



**HISTORIC SITE:** Chief Daniel Awiyawi, Mark Ryan and Jeff Smith at the site where archaeological dig plans are under way.

demonstrates strong archaeological potential."

The site, just east of the Bruce Highway on the banks of the Caboolture River, was home to the Raff sugar plantation in the late 1800s.

It hosted Queensland's longest privately owned railway and features a historic gravesite.

NBP already has a Cultural Heritage Management agreement with the Gubbi Gubbi people, the site's traditional owners.

An Archaeological Management Plan is being prepared by heritage consultants and a nomination is prepared for the Queensland Heritage Council.

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