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Coalition Delivers \$1.5 million for North Harbour's Landmark Heritage Precinct

Construction of a multi-million dollar heritage precinct at Morayfield's North Harbour residential and business development will soon begin following the delivery \$1.5 million in funding from the Federal Coalition Government.

Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Queensland LNP Senator James McGrath officially presented the \$1.5 million cheque to representatives of the Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology in Morayfield today.

"The North Harbour Heritage Park project will see the creation of an entire precinct devoted to preserving the history of this region, in particular the story of the South Sea Islander community," Senator McGrath said.

This major development will include the construction of:

- an interpretive building;
- extensive network of pathways;
- an amenities building;
- a canoe landing deck;
- access road and car park for at least 59 vehicles;
- installation of at least six picnic shelters and at least six picnic table settings.

Senator McGrath said the North Harbour Heritage Park project was the result of a unique community partnership between local tourism icon Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology and the North Harbour residential and business development.

"This important cultural precinct will be a valuable educational site for school students from across our region, as well as a major tourist destination for the region," he said.

Minister for Regional Development, Fiona Nash said that this exciting project will provide the local community with a space for learning, the development of cultural awareness and an attraction for locals and visitors alike.

"The new information and interpretation precinct will include two plaza areas, an amenities building, picnic shelters and enough parking for the busiest of days."

North Harbour Heritage Park representative Edith Cuffe said the project was of great significance to various communities in the Moreton Bay region and beyond.

"Before now, this property has been held in private ownership since the 1860s, so very few people have had the opportunity to access this unique heritage site," Mrs Cuffe said.

"Now this heritage will be preserved, protected and made publically available, which will be a significant legacy."

Senator McGrath said funding for the North Harbour Heritage Park project was from the Australian Government's *Community Development Grants* programme.

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