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PRESS RELEASE

\$55,000 funding to complete Italian Fishing Boat Project

Geoff is thrilled to announce \$55,000 is now forthcoming from the State Government to fill the remaining gap required for the \$205,000 Italian Fishing Boat Project.

Geoff has been involved from the start providing strong support to the Italian Community for the proposed Miniature Maritime Museum.

Geoff has closely followed the project's journey and is happy to finally see enough funding for the project to go ahead.

This display will create an historical footprint in Port Pirie in the form of a Miniature Maritime Museum which will display a restored wooden plank fishing boat and associated artefacts used by the early Molfettese fishermen who settled in Port Pirie.

The Port Pirie Italian Community has worked hard to make this vision a reality by fundraising an additional \$75,000 to match the \$75,000 grant provided by Council.

The Italian Fishing Boat Project will be a major tourist attraction for Port Pirie, as well as a means of capturing and commemorating the history of Port Pirie's Italian migrants.

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