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Funding for Peterborough Main Street renewal

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A new project to renew the main street of Peterborough aims to increase tourism and retail activities, generate employment opportunities and create new business investment for the Mid North town.

The redevelopment project will improve the aesthetic appeal and highlight the historic beauty of the town's main street.

The District Council of Peterborough has been offered a \$200,000 grant through the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program to support the project.

The project has also received a \$148,000 grant through the State Government's Planning and Development Fund.

The renewal project will include the putting power lines underground and developing outdoor dining areas and wi-fi access along the main street.

The redevelopment will also involve restoring and painting building facades, and creating art and advertising displays for vacant shop fronts.

The project will create four jobs during construction and one ongoing position.

Background

The \$2 million Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program opened in November 2015 in recognition of the challenges brought about by the downturn of the resources sector and the impending closure of the Port Augusta power station and Leigh Creek coal mine.

Grants have been made available from \$50,000 up to \$200,000 in 2015-16.

The program supports the delivery of small projects which will contribute to the economic diversification, resilience and capacity building of Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback communities, creating sustainable economic benefits for the region and the State.

This project aligns with the State Government's economic priority of 'South Australia – a growing destination choice for international and domestic travelers'.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

Improving the facilities and spaces of Peterborough's main street will increase the attractiveness of the town as a place to live, work and invest.

The Peterborough Main Street Renewal project aims to improve community infrastructure, the availability of services to residents and encourage tourism potential within the town.

Projects awarded funding through the Upper Spencer Gulf and Outback Futures Program are stimulating new business activity, supporting stronger communities, and creating job opportunities in the region.

Quotes attributable to Planning Minister John Rau

I'm pleased to support to the Peterborough Main Street Renewal project.

Public spaces strengthen communities and the rejuvenation of the town's centre will provide a new lease of life to Peterborough and the Mid North.

Quotes attributable to Ruth Whittle, Mayor District Council of Peterborough

At the heart of this project is improving the appearance and functionality of the town, creating opportunities for people to stop, linger and spend money in the main street of Peterborough and within the region.

Tourism is integral to the economic viability of Peterborough. An increase in visitors to the area will have a flow-on effect to employment growth across businesses, new business development, and population growth.

The works will encompass the majority of Peterborough's Main Street from Steamtown at the southern end extending through to Edith Street.