

News releases - Geoff Brock

New enclosure for Burra Jinker

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The Regional Council of Goyder has received a \$100 000 grant through the Local Government Stimulus Program to construct an enclosure for the Burra Jinker.

The Burra Jinker forms part of the Burra Cultural and Heritage precinct and is one of the many reminders of the copper mining history of the region.

The 165 year old wooden and iron mine cart is the first moveable object to be entered in the South Australian Heritage Register.

The cart was first used in 1850 to bring the giant boiler needed for the Burra Mine's Morphet Engine House from Port Adelaide, 160 kilometres away. After that, the Jinker travelled back and forth between Burra and Port Adelaide, carrying ore until the railway was built in 1870.

The enclosure is being officially opened by Regional Development Minister, Geoff Brock at 10am today.

Background

The Local Government Stimulus Program was a once-off funding program which was offered to local government in 2013-14.

The purpose of the program was to fast track the delivery of small scale community infrastructure projects and to provide a stimulus to local economies through local investment and job creation.

In February 2014, the Minister for Planning approved grants worth \$7.5 million to 104 projects across the state.

Funding was matched by local government resulting in a \$15 million investment into community infrastructure projects.

Quotes attributable to Regional Development Minister Geoff Brock

The Jinker is considered to be significant not only for its connection to the Burra Mine, but also for what it can tell us about the evolution of early transport in South Australia, and the remarkable carting achievements of early South Australian Settlers.

The construction of the new enclosure will help to protect the cart from the elements and ensure that the Jinker remains a visible reminder of Burra's mining history for many years to come.

I'm delighted to have been asked to open the new enclosure today.

The Burra Jinker is an important reminder of the region's heritage and the prominent role copper mining played in Burra's development.

The new enclosure will ensure this important historical treasure will remain protected and available for locals and tourists to visit in the years to come.

I commend the initiative of the Goyder Regional Council and locals in their efforts to preserve and highlight the region's heritage.