



Frome Electorate Office

Hon Geoff Brock MP, Member for Frome



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Over \$31,000 Funding approved for Polish Hill River Church Museum

Polish Hill River was, in the nineteenth century, the site of the largest Polish settlement in Australia. The church of St. Stanislaus Kostka built in 1871 was the first Polish Church in Australia.

The Church Museum was placed on the register of State Heritage items in 1980 and has been established by the South Australian Polish community in order to document and commemorate the contribution of Polish migrants to the development of the State

In 1950 the church was deconsecrated and restoration commenced in 1971 by the Polish community in SA.

I am extremely pleased to announce the Federation of Polish Organisations SA Inc. has been awarded \$31,818 for the renovation of toilet and shower facility at the Museum, including replacement of fixtures and fittings, hot water system and inclusion of disabled access.

Having visited the Polish Hill River Church previously, I know the great work the local members of this organisation have put into preserving the history of the Museum for generations to come. I congratulate them on receiving these funds.

This funding will assist the Polish community continue their improvements and also provide disabled access to those visiting the Museum.

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