



Point Nepean
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Point Nepean Community Trust Preparing the Quarantine Station for Use FACT SHEET



Additional Funding – Expenditure and outcomes at a glance



The Point Nepean Community Trust (PNCT) has managed the Quarantine Station/Norris Barracks since June 2004 on behalf of the Commonwealth Government. On 16 June 2006, the Commonwealth made two important announcements impacting on the site's future when it provided \$27 million in extra funding to the PNCT and added Point Nepean to the National Heritage List.

In January 2006, staff from the Point Nepean Community Trust (PNCT) met with the Federal Member for Flinders, Greg Hunt and staff from the Departments of Defence and Environment and Heritage to discuss future plans for the Quarantine Station/Norris Barracks. It was agreed that the PNCT required substantial additional funding to meet its Commonwealth and community obligations before handover of the Quarantine Station/Norris Barracks to the State Government by mid June 2009.

The PNCT subsequently developed a funding proposal for an estimated additional \$27 million in Commonwealth funds, which Greg Hunt submitted for Government consideration on the PNCT's behalf.

The proposal was developed into a fully costed Business Case at the request of the Departments of Defence and Environment and Heritage. On 16 June 2006, the Federal Treasurer, Peter Costello, announced an additional one off grant of \$27 million in Commonwealth Government funding for use over the remaining three years of the PNCT.

The additional funding will enable the PNCT to deliver on key Commonwealth commitments regarding community uses for the heritage buildings and natural environment at the 90 hectare Quarantine Station. These key commitments include promoting marine and coastal education, encouraging understanding of the area's Indigenous and European history and providing respite care for disadvantaged children and their families.

Proposed major expenditure areas for the \$27 million are:

- Works required to refurbish some selected heritage buildings to house the Australian Maritime College's National Centre for Marine and Coastal Education as a world-class centre for marine issues and policy offering leading edge multi disciplinary research and higher education in marine and coastal conservation.
- Life of Trust repair, stabilisation and maintenance of heritage buildings including fire systems, heating and air conditioning for a variety of community uses such as meetings, conferences, accommodation and dining
- Development of European and Indigenous heritage programs including a heritage library and archive, a Boonwurrung cultural heritage centre and a quarantine, maritime and immigration museum
- Vital infrastructure works for improving public access, amenities and safety including everything from the supply of water and wastewater, telecommunications, electricity and gas to roads, car parks, and improved pedestrian and vehicle access.

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- Works to the grounds, environmental regeneration programs, pest/plant and animal research and cliff and coastal protection works
- A master planning process to determine the location of facilities and infrastructure in the Quarantine Station as a framework for an expression of interest process for on site suppliers and operators; and
- Administration including insurances, design and project management

All outcomes will ensure the preservation and sustainability of the site's natural, historic and built environments.

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