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NEW CAIRNS FORESHORE DEVELOPMENT OPENS

The much anticipated \$20 million Cairns Foreshore Development will open today giving Cairns a major new entertainment, tourism and leisure precinct Member for Cairns Gavin King announced today.

Mr King said the development completes the 1.6 kilometre public waterfront promenade linking the Esplanade through to the Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal further maximising the use and enjoyment of the Cairns waterfront for locals and visitors”.

“This is an exciting development for the city and a significant investment in Cairns and the tourism industry. Quality infrastructure like this development is critical for Cairns to retain its destination appeal and grow tourism numbers.

“The new precinct makes the most of our beautiful waterfront with improved and expanded public space with a series of linked and activated parklands including an amazing elevated walkway and playground through and around the 70 year old fig tree” Mr King said.

Another major component of the development is the heritage restoration of Wharf Shed 2 to create new commercial space suitable for a wide range of opportunities including retail, restaurants, exhibition and markets together with a new kiosk and public seating areas on Wharf 1.

Other features of the new precinct include BBQ areas and shelters, public seating and view platforms over the water, fishing deck, featured lighting to the historic wharf piles and public art.

Mr King said “this new development builds on the work completed previously by Ports North in Cityport that has provided significant tourism and marine infrastructure for the city”.

Ports North Chairman, Brett Moller said, “the development is consistent with the long term Cityport Master Plan and the Seaport Strategic Plan that sees the development of Port lands and infrastructure for the benefit of the City”.

“This waterfront will be further activated when the individual Cityport precincts are developed consistent with the broader Strategic Land Use planning ensuring port operations, land development and community amenity” Mr Moller said.

“The Precinct will be open to the public for the first time on Saturday 17 November and I encourage everyone to come and enjoy this wonderful development,” Mr King said.