



Speech by

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

Kelvin Grove Urban Village

Hon. R. E. SCHWARTEN (Rockhampton—ALP) (Minister for Public Works and Minister for Housing) (10.00 a.m.), by leave: One of the major initiatives undertaken by the Beattie government has been the development of the Kelvin Grove Urban Village in Brisbane in the Honourable the Premier's electorate. As honourable members would be aware, the state government, through the Department of Housing, is working with QUT to develop the village on 17 hectares of land incorporating the former Gona Barracks.

As part of preparations for development of the site, a number of old buildings on the barracks site have been recycled for community purposes. Groups from throughout south-east Queensland have received an assortment of 14 huts and sheds previously used as army offices at Gona Barracks. The huts were made available for free with each group carrying the cost of removal and relocation. The groups include: the Silkwood Steiner School at Nerang; the Turrbal Association at Redcliffe, which is in the Honourable Speaker's electorate; Loganlea State High School; Bundamba Cricket Club; Stoney Pinch Pony Club at Tamborine; St Edmund's College at Ipswich; and the Queensland Amateur Pistol Shooting Association at Belmont. The huts are planned to be used for a variety of activities including indigenous education facilities, facilities for children with special needs, a sporting clubhouse and an extension to an existing clubhouse. It is good to know these local groups have benefited from the urban village development and not only have new facilities but also own a piece of our state's history.

Other structures on site at the old Gona Barracks are also being recycled. Some of the timber from larger huts is being retained for incorporation on the site as part of street furniture, landscaping or artwork. Where possible, the large concrete slabs under some of the buildings are being crushed for use on site as road base or fill. All unwanted glass, aluminium and corrugated iron has been scrapped for general recycling. Even before the urban village takes shape, the Beattie government is maximising benefits to the community from its development.
