

Question on Notice

No. 1639

Asked on Tuesday, 13 November 2018

DR C ROWAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister commit to an enhanced funded strategy for historical preservation in Queensland with specific reference to rural and regional art galleries, museums and buildings of significance?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government's commitment to conserving our heritage is evident in the \$12 million Community Sustainability Action Grants Program, invested over three years to support heritage, environment and conservation projects that will benefit Queensland.

The Palaszczuk Government has already invested \$1.8 million to 50 heritage conservation projects across Queensland over the first two rounds of the program. Rural and regional museums housed in heritage listed buildings have been among the recipients of this grants funding.

The Palaszczuk Government's commitment to rural and regional cultural infrastructure is also evident in the budget allocation totalling \$10 million towards a new Rockhampton Art Gallery.

Applications for the current round of heritage conservation grants closed on 8 November 2018. This latest \$950,000 funding package is available to owners of places entered on the Queensland Government heritage register and not-for-profit organisations that manage such places.

Applications are currently being assessed and I look forward to announcing the successful recipients in the future.