

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Artefacts uncovered during roadworks transferred to Pine Rivers Heritage Museum

- Glass and ceramic artefacts unearthed during roundabout upgrade at Petrie in 2022
- Items date back to the late 19th and early 20th centuries
- Transport and Main Roads donated the artefacts to the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum on 27 June 2023

Remarkable discoveries found during recently completed works on the Petrie roundabout at the Anzac Avenue, Dayboro Road and Gympie Road intersection have been donated to the Moreton Bay Regional Council Heritage Collection.

The unearthed items, excavated during the upgrade works, included a range of commercially available products dating from the late 19th century through to 1970.

One of the finds, a J. Bosisto eucalyptus oil bottle (dating back to between 1880 and 1900), was one of Australia's first Indigenous botanical products to be refined, sold and exported.

The bottle is a reminder of the history of the company and the development and growth of an early Australian industry.

The artefacts offer insight into the development of glass vessels and objects during the period, and changes in manufacturing technology of the time, while also providing a glimpse into a previous era of Australian consumerism.

These historical finds now have a new home at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum in Moreton Bay.

The Petrie roundabout works were completed in March 2022 and the upgrade improved connectivity and safety in the area, eased congestion and reduced travel times for motorists.

Quotes attributable to Cindy Baharally, A/Transport and Main Roads Construction Team Lead:

"This was an unexpected find for our team as we worked to upgrade the Petrie roundabout.

"The discovery underscores the importance of conducting environmental and cultural heritage surveys, both before and during construction. After we discovered these artefacts, we paused works to ensure they could be preserved and carefully removed."

Quotes attributable to Sher Mitchell, TMR Senior Cultural Heritage Officer:

"The artefacts recovered from the Petrie roundabout comprise a snapshot of the local area from that time, where discarded household items were repurposed as road base as an innovative method of construction.

"A combination of glass, ceramic, stoneware and metal products that were both imported to and manufactured in Australia will now be protected in the local area where they were utilised.

Quotes attributable to Mayor Peter Flannery, Moreton Bay Regional Council:

"We're thrilled to receive these remarkable artefacts, shedding light on the heritage of Moreton Bay.

"By exhibiting these pieces through our Heritage Collection displays, we hope to engage with the community by taking a look in the past and appreciating our shared history."

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