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#### **FUNDS TO RESTORE MCFARLANE MONUMENT**

The Macfarlane Memorial in Queens Park Ipswich will be restored thanks to a \$14,850 grant from the Queensland Government's Community Memorials Restoration Program.

Member for Ipswich Rachel Nolan said the grant would be provided to the Ipswich City Council to clean, repair and restore the monument to its original form.

"Made from sandstone, the MacFarlane Memorial was erected by public subscription to honour John MacFarlane MLA in 1894," Ms Nolan said.

"It is an important community icon, erected to honour a man who was much admired and respected by the local community in Ipswich's early history.

"I congratulate the Ipswich City Council for partnering with us to restore the memorial and for securing the future of this link with Ipswich's past."

Ms Nolan said the project was among 52 community memorial restoration projects throughout the state for 2006-07, attracting total government subsidies of \$423 000.

The program, now in its third year, was a 2004 election commitment of the Beattie Government, which offered local authorities and community organisations the opportunity to apply for dollar-for-dollar funding to restore monuments and memorials in their communities.

"The Government has committed \$1.165 million in funding since the program started in 2004 and this new round of grants will bring the number of monuments and memorials to be repaired to 120," Ms Nolan said.

"It is an impressive achievement and communities across Queensland are to be congratulated for taking action and preserving their historical memories."

A full list of projects receiving funding in Round Three of the Community Memorial Restoration Program can be found on-line at

<http://www.publicworks.qld.gov.au/services/CommunityMemorials.cfm>