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WORK TO COMMENCE FOR INSTALLATION OF TUNA POLER STATUE

Work will commence on Tuesday 11 June 2019 on the Port Lincoln foreshore to prepare the site where the Tuna Poler statue is to be installed in July. Located between the Norfolk pines on the eastern side of the jetty, the statue will occupy a prominent location within the city's public space appropriate to the significance of the tuna industry in the town's history.

In a scene depicting a tuna being 'poled' from the ocean, the sculpture by local artist Ken Martin pays tribute to the impact that the tuna industry and the fishing pioneers have had on the town. In what is believed to be an Australian first for an outdoor sculpture, the statue features a rare coloured patina to the bronze that highlights the intricate detail and drama of the scene.

The project was commissioned by the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln in conjunction with Axel Stenross Maritime Museum and has been funded through generous donations from the community.

Chief Executive Officer, Stephen Rufus said, "An upgraded precinct around the statue will be a taste of things to come in the proposed foreshore redevelopment currently being considered as part of the Council's Foreshore, CBD & Marina precinct master planning project".

Access to the lawn area between the town jetty toilets and the dais will be restricted while construction works are underway. The Parnkalla Trail will remain open with detours put in place during key stages of the work. The date the statue will be unveiled is yet to be confirmed however installation is currently targeted for July.

Mayor Brad Flaherty said, "I am very excited that work is set to start on this foreshore precinct for the installation of the Tuna Poler statue. There will be some minor disruption with a section to be fenced off for the safety of the community during construction, but it will be well worth it."

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