



## Barnaby Joyce

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### Funding flows for Stockman's Hall of Fame upgrade

- **Coalition government commits \$15 million to upgrade the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach, Queensland**
- **Digital expansion and interactive displays at the centre will include internet connectivity through the National Broadband Network (NBN)**
- **Project will create local jobs and support the region's tourism industry**

The Coalition Government's strong economic management has continued to deliver for regional Australia following the allocation of \$15 million to the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in the 2017-18 Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook (MYEFO).

Deputy Prime and Leader of The Nationals, Barnaby Joyce, said the Coalition Government's additional funding would support the region's tourism industry, which celebrates Australia's smithies, stockmen, shearers, and pastoralists.

"In October 2016 we re-opened the Stockman's Hall of Fame following a \$5 million upgrade fully funded by the Australian Government, which included a new interactive Indigenous Heritage Display and restoration of Dr Yaetes Cottage," Mr Joyce said.

"This additional funding will enable the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre to operate 12 months a year rather than as a seasonal business."

Mr Joyce said the Coalition Government was committed to investing in regional communities to ensure they remain viable.

"We're delivering a range of projects across the region, including through the Building Better Regions Fund, and it's this investment that's creating jobs for residents," Mr Joyce said.

"Since opening in 1988, the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame has hosted more than one million people, highlighting the importance of this facility to local businesses. This funding will ensure visitors have the best experience possible."

Federal Member for Maranoa David Littleproud said the project would upgrade and expand the facilities current interactive and digital displays, and overhaul internet connectivity in preparation for the NBN rollout next year.

"Works will include the construction of the second stage of a world-class multipurpose recreational and entertainment facility along with a commercial kitchen and training facility that can be used as a community asset in times of flood or natural disaster," Mr Littleproud said.

"Thirty-nine new ongoing and part time jobs will be available including hospitality, administration, catering, digital & information technologies event management, environment, marketing and art curating."

The project is being jointly funded by the Coalition Government investing \$15 million and the Australian Rural Heritage Foundation Ltd, investing \$5 million.

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