



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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Makers' Workshop – a literal and figurative lighthouse for Burnie

THE \$5.8m Makers' Workshop stood as a literal and figurative lighthouse for the Burnie community, Federal Member for Braddon Sid Sidebottom said.

The Burnie City Council project was officially opened today. A long road had been travelled by the council and the project's supporters to arrive at this brilliant facility, Mr Sidebottom said.

In 2005, the Federal Government had committed \$850,000 towards a project to relocate Creative Paper Tasmania and the Tourism Information Centre to new premises at the former Adult Education Building at West Park. This project came to a devastating end however, when fire destroyed the renovated Adult Education building in April 2007.

"It's a real testament to the Burnie City Council to be able to dust themselves off from this event and emerge with a vibrant new idea," he said.

At the 2007 election, the Federal Government pledged an additional \$1 million towards a new project, comprising parts of the Pioneer Village Museum, Creative Paper and the Visitor Information Centre.

"You get a real sense of pride when you walk through this facility – you can see the time and effort which has gone into getting it up and running," he said.

"The Makers' Workshop is literally and figuratively a lighthouse overlooking the city, port and community of Burnie.

"It celebrates, embodies and demonstrates two of the major characteristics of this community – a community of makers and doers."

This is one of a number of Burnie City Council projects which have received Rudd Government funding. The Council has received more than \$30 million in the past two years, including:

- More than \$11 million in funding to Burnie schools under the Building the Education Revolution program
- \$2 towards the West Park Sports facility
- \$1.26 million towards Burnie Sporting projects
- \$1.26 million towards the waterfront boardwalk
- \$3 million towards the Burnie waterfront precinct
- \$969,000 towards the Burnie Coastal Pathway through the National Bike Paths Projects.

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