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Renewed Windsor School of Arts handed back to community by Airport Link Projects

Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Stirling Hinchliffe joined locals and members of the Windsor Historical Society to celebrate the official hand-over of the relocated Windsor School of Arts today.

As part of the Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) projects, the historic 98-year old building will re-open its doors for Brisbane City Council use at its new location in Clark Park.

Mr Hinchliffe said the hand-over was a milestone for the project and the Windsor community who are at the construction epicentre of the massive Airport Link projects.

“With major construction works happening in the area, including road diversions and service relocations, it is great to give back something back to the community,” the Minister said.

“The School was cut into two pieces last November and moved from its old location in Truro Street, 100 metres south to Clark Park. The move allows for construction of the Airport Link tunnels.

“Airport Link workers have re-established the building in nine months. This has involved putting the building back together, refurbishing the toilet amenities, reconstructing the hall’s ceiling and reconnecting services, such as water and electricity.”

Member for Brisbane Central Grace Grace said the Windsor School of Arts will once again be a well-used community asset.

“The Hall is the first of the improved local facilities, parks and cycleways the community will enjoy once the projects are completed,” Ms Grace said.

“The building sits among beautiful hoop pines which have been relocated from the Airport Roundabout as part of the Airport Link project.

Councillor for Central David Hinchliffe said he was pleased to be accepting the keys to the rejuvenated Windsor School of Arts on behalf of Brisbane City Council.

“We are very excited that this building of cultural significance is being given back to the community, where it belongs. I am pleased to say that the School of Arts lives again in the heart of Windsor.”

In its day, the Windsor School of Arts was renowned as a venue for local events of importance, including flower shows, balls and concerts.



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Bert and Barbara Carter, who hosted their wedding reception in the Windsor School of Arts in 1949, joined the Minister for the official hand-over after celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary in June.

“We both have shared many memories in the Windsor School of Arts. When I was young, I was christened with my two younger brothers Reg and Stan in the Windsor School of Arts and Barbara attended several concerts performed by the Albion Scouts,” Mr Carter said.

“We were married in a local church in Lutwyche and the Windsor School of Arts was the perfect place to host our wedding reception 60 years ago. It is great to see the old building open to the community once again.”

On schedule to be completed by mid 2012, the Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) projects will create new bus stops, bus lanes and portals that will improve connections while preserving the strong local heritage and cultural values of the Windsor area.

The permanent design will incorporate new inbound and outbound bus stops located around Memorial Park and upgraded footpaths and plantings through Memorial Park, Quarry Park and Clark Park.

The Airport Link and Northern Busway (Windsor to Kedron) projects will be a vital addition to Brisbane’s road network, providing a critical new link between the northern suburbs and two of South East Queensland’s most important economic centres – the airport and the city.

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