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New Museum To Build On Darwin’s WW2 History

Darwin’s World War 2 historic sites will complement the new military museum to be built in the CBD as part of the strategic plan, *Creating Darwin’s Future*.

Chief Minister Clare Martin today toured a number of the historic sites in the Darwin area and said the new museum would include a heritage trail highlighting the city’s rich military history.

“Darwin is filled with important sites from World War 2 and the new museum will ensure tourists and locals make the most of our wartime history,” said Ms Martin.

“From the Oil Storage tunnels at the wharf to the Gun Turrets at East Point and the Peary Gun on The Esplanade, Darwin has some incredible and unique military attractions.

“These attractions will form part of a heritage trail which will link into the new museum.

“No where else in Australia did a city suffer the heavy loss of life we did - and no where else in Australia was the enemy so near and immediate.

“The museum is an opportunity to showcase the Territory’s significant military history to Australia and the rest of the world.

“Located in the part of Darwin that suffered the most damage during the bombings of 1942, the museum will also be easily accessed for tourists and Territorians alike.

“The Territory Government is committed to *Creating Darwin’s Future*, and this new museum will help make Darwin an even better place to live, work and visit.”

The Government has set aside $250,000 for a concept design study to determine how best to build the museum. Construction will begin next financial year.

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