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Holocaust museum and education centre underway

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Premier and Minister for the Olympics

The Honourable Anastacia Palaszczuk

Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs

The Honourable Leanne Linard

The Palaszczuk Government has announced Queensland's first site to educate people about the Holocaust and remember its horrendous legacy.

The Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre will be established through state government funding of \$3.5 million which will be matched by a Federal Government commitment of \$3.5 million and a Brisbane City Council pledge of \$500,000.

Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk said the investment marked a significant milestone in the state's cultural history.

"It will honour the legacy of those who faced awful atrocities and will also feature locally recorded stories and will be able to reach the regions through online and mobile exhibits," Ms Palaszczuk said.

"It will ensure future generations do not forget.

"It follows our election commitment to establish this centre, ensuring lessons of the Holocaust and the contributions that survivors have made to Queensland are heard for generations to come."

Chair of the Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre Jason Steinberg said while the number of Holocaust survivors in Queensland was getting smaller with each passing year, the centre would aim to remember and honour those who survived, those who lost their lives and those who saved lives.

"We want to inspire and educate Queenslanders to stand up against prejudice, anti-semitism, hatred and racism and to promote multiculturalism, inclusivity and harmony," he said.

"The centre will enable us to share the stories of survival, resilience and courage using virtual content to provide an interactive and immersive experience for visitors.

"Stories from people directly affected by the Holocaust and other genocides are powerful tools to show Queenslanders the importance of standing up against racism and prejudice in all forms and to emphasise the devastating human toll wreaked by human rights abuses."

Minister for Multicultural Affairs Leanne Linard said a partnership between the Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre and the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane will see the centre located in Brisbane's Cathedral Precinct at the Old Archives Building and Penola Place in Charlotte and Edward Streets.

"Even though it will be based in Brisbane, the centre will be accessible for all Queenslanders, particularly students, and reach global audiences through innovative mobile and online exhibits," Ms Linard said.

“The centre has cemented national and international partnerships to receive artefacts, education and training materials, video stories and displays to share and exhibit.

“Locally recorded stories of Holocaust survivors living in Queensland will feature prominently.”

Archbishop Mark Coleridge from the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane said it was an honour to partner with the centre.

“As a society, we need to work together towards a common goal that overcomes hatred and promotes peace. We need to build bridges, not walls,” he said.

“Inter-religious partnerships like this send a strong signal to the community that we are all sisters and brothers in a world where the other is not my enemy.”

Ms Linard said the centre will open to the public in early 2023.

Exhibitions, education and training resources about the Holocaust will be complemented by exhibitions focused on Australia’s First Nations people and other countries’ genocide histories.

A unique mobile facility will also be developed to travel throughout the state to encourage Queenslanders to stand up to all forms of discrimination and prejudice.

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Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk meets 100-year-old Holocaust survivor Bert Klug at Parliament House on Thursday. Picture: Dan Peled

BUILDING AN 'ANTIDOTE TO ANTI-SEMITISM & HATRED'



JAMES HALL

A 100-YEAR-OLD Holocaust survivor has commended plans to construct Queensland's first museum honouring those who were victims to the atrocities of Nazi Germany.

The Holocaust Museum will be built next year in Brisbane's Catholic cathedral precinct to serve as a lasting

legacy to the six million Jewish people killed and to educate future generations of the horrific genocide.

"The Holocaust is now about 80 years behind us and the people, like myself, who survived it and are still alive are now fewer and fewer," Dr Bert Klug said. "So the Holocaust Museum will serve a fantastic purpose of perpetuating the events and

making sure nothing like that will ever happen again."

Queensland Holocaust Museum and Education Centre chair Jason Steinberg referenced a sequence of disturbing protests and vandalism attacks in recent years featuring Nazism symbols in Brisbane to stress the importance of education and understanding. "Education is the

absolute antidote to anti-Semitism and hatred," he said.

The state government has committed \$3.5m to assist in the construction of the museum.

Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk told parliament: "It's so incredibly important we continue to tell the horrific stories of the past – so that... history does not repeat itself."

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Never forget Holocaust

THOSE who do not learn about the past are doomed to repeat it, or so goes the apocryphal quote that warns about the potential dangers of not paying close attention to the lessons taught by history's mistakes.

An open conversation about the mistakes of the past is a critical part of life. And for this reason alone we welcome the state government's agreement to build – with the feds – a Holocaust museum and education centre in Brisbane.

It is only through hearing and understanding the stories of the

greatest crime of last century that future generations will learn, and so never forget, what happened.

We would suggest the centre also recognises the sacrifice of those Queenslanders who went to war in far-off Europe 80 years ago to fight Nazi Germany, and particularly those who died in that struggle.

Six million innocent people were killed in the Holocaust, including 1.5 million children. Perhaps the greatest lesson from it relevant to us every day is the need to always boldly stand up against racism and prejudice. Lest we ever forget.