

MEDIA statement

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AVIATION MUSEUM RELOCATION

On Monday 7 June 2004 tenders will be called for works to relocate the South Australian Aviation Museum from the corner of Ocean Steamers Road and Honey Street to Lipson Street adjacent the National Railway Museum, Port Adelaide.

The site where the Aviation Museum now stands is required for the approaches to the road bridge, Stage 2 of the Port River Expressway project.

The works will involve relocating the existing historic hanger and constructing new storage and administration facilities at the new site. During works the museum should remain operational during normal opening hours at its current location.

The new site is situated behind the National Railway Museum and will take up approximately five percent of disused rail reserve.

Entry to the new site will be via Lipson Street and an exit will be provided via Bower Crescent through single lane driveways with traffic management measures including chicanes and speed humps. Lockable gates will be installed on both driveways so the site can be secured when the museum is closed to the public.

During relocation works, Transport SA together with the Port Adelaide Enfield Council and the National Railway Museum will tidy up the surrounding disused rail reserve removing surplus tracks, railway sleepers and a stockpile of rail ballast.

A contract should be awarded in August this year so the new facility can be built and operational by 2005.

The relocation to Lipson Street will ensure the Aviation Museum remains in Port Adelaide. The museum is just one of five museums in the district, which are popular tourist destinations. This relocation will place the museum closer to nearby museums including the Maritime, Railway and Military Vehicles museums.

This work forms part of Stages 2 and 3 of the Port River Expressway project, a key element in the State Government's major infrastructure plan aimed at helping South Australia's growing export industries to become more competitive. Design and construction of the road and rail bridges will start early next year with completion scheduled in late 2006.

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