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The Larrakia Cultural Centre being brought to life by the LDC

The Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) is pleased with progress on the detailed design for the Larrakia Cultural Centre (LCC) which has now reached the 30% completion milestone. LDC has continued to work with the LCC Larrakia Working Group, and locally based designers Rossi Architecture & Susan Dugdale and Associates, to progress the project over the past six months.

The LCC design phase is funded through the Federal City Deals Program, and the LDC has been working closely with funding agencies the NIAA and Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications (DITRDC). The design is being guided with inputs from the Larrakia Working Group, made up with Larrakia community members:

- Mark Motlop
- Bill Risk
- June Mills
- Helen Secretary
- Kelvin Costello
- Chrissy Jenner
- Joe Raymond
- Nadine Lee

As design progresses towards 100% completion over the second half of the year, LDC will be undertaking procurement of a head contractor to undertake site works and construction. The LDC will be holding an information event for the local contracting industry in September 2021, hosted by NTIBN. The funding for the construction phase is being sourced by the LDC, through philanthropic and grant programs.

The LDC is managing the development and operation of the LCC to provide a commercial tourism and educational attraction to the Top End. The LCC is predicted to provide a \$48 million positive economic impact to the Darwin economy over its first 15 years.

The design includes an exhibition space where Larrakia history and culture will be told through interactive design and displays. It will showcase artifacts that will be repatriated from museums across the country and the globe.

The LCC's other primary purpose is to provide language and culture classes for the Larrakia and the visiting public. The LCC incorporates the design of classrooms for this specific purpose, that will be operated by the LDC and utilising the service of Larrakia language speakers to lead classes.

It is also critical for the LCC to have a welcoming landscaped garden, that enables the community to enjoy the LCC's open spaces. The landscaping includes three vegetation habitats that are found within Larrakia country and provides spaces that encourage community access. Each of the habitat spaces; monsoon rainforest and waterfall, savannah and coastal include interactive and educational play spaces which encourage families to visit, stay and enjoy whilst overlooking the beauty of our natural harbor.

As development of the LCC continues to progress, the LDC will continue to provide updates to the community.