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OFFICIAL OPENING OF “PRIDE OF BALMORAL CEMETERY”

The Friends of Balmoral Cemetery (“FOBC”) and the Brisbane City Council officially opened a renovated shelter shed at Balmoral Cemetery this morning.

The shed, which until recently was kept “off-limits” to the public due to dry rot and an obvious lean, is now an attractive and comfortable area for cemetery visitors to rest and enjoy the historic cemetery.

FOBC President Kelvin Johnston said that the group’s members were thrilled with the Brisbane City Council’s fantastic job in renovating the shelter shed and that the structure really adds to the character of the entire site.

“Originally we were fearful that the BCC would demolish the old shed. Our concerns were shared with Cr Sharon Humphreys and subsequently Council reconsidered the use of the space. We now have a very attractive, heritage-style shelter shed and seating which is the pride of Balmoral Cemetery.”

“Coupled with our regular working bees and Council’s general maintenance regime, the renovated shelter at Balmoral Cemetery means the entire site looks clean, tidy and well cared for”.

Cr Sharon Humphreys is delighted with the completed work and says that Council’s efforts show an ongoing commitment to the improvements currently underway at Balmoral Cemetery.

“Balmoral Cemetery is an important historic and spiritual site for Brisbane and the Brisbane City Council was pleased to be able to assist the work of FOBC in this way.

The beautifully renovated shed is a credit to the Brisbane City Council and will provide a pleasant and comfortable amenity for many years to come”, she said.

The official opening of the shelter shed, which was followed by a morning tea, was also a celebration of the joint BCC-FOBC achievements at Balmoral Cemetery.

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