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South Bank Parklands 25th Birthday present to the people

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South Bank Parklands is celebrating its 25th Birthday and as a gift to millions of visitors each year, the flood damaged riverfront restaurant building will be redeveloped into a new public space.

In joining Lord Mayor Graham Quirk and South Bank Corporation Chair Dr Catherin Bull, Deputy Premier and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning Jackie Trad said it was time the derelict building was redeveloped for all to enjoy.

"I am pleased to celebrate South Bank Parkland's 25th Birthday with this gift to open up the last of the riverfront land along the promenade to the people," Ms Trad said.

"While many Queenslanders and visitors will have great memories of dining in the building before it was severely damaged by the 2011 floods, I am confident visitors to the South Bank Parklands will love and enjoy the increased open space.

"This is a present for the people of Brisbane and for the millions of future visitors to this iconic and beautiful place."

Lord Mayor Graham Quirk said South Bank offered many lifestyle and leisure opportunities for locals and visitors and was most certainly the jewel in the crown of Brisbane's open spaces.

"Council has always had a strong connection to the creation of public parkland at South Bank, having provided its riverside parklands for use and redevelopment for Expo 88," he said.

"Today, South Bank is a popular location for casual gatherings, friendly picnics and of course some of the biggest community events and celebrations Brisbane has to offer."

The South Bank Corporation Chair Dr Cathrin Bull said the South Bank precinct was a model for planning authorities around the world, striking an enviable balance between commercial, educational, cultural, recreational and civic activities.

"Like all urban planning success stories, we must constantly evolve alongside the changing needs of our neighbourhoods together with public and visitor needs," Dr Bull said.

"There have been countless memories created over the past 25 years with so many more to be made over the next 25 years in what is fondly referred to as Brisbane's biggest back yard."

South Bank Parklands officially opened on 20 June 1992 and shared its 25th Birthday with the choir of West End State School and street entertainers such as the Aussie Flowerpot Family and the Stonepeople Statues who were there when the Parklands opened 25 years ago.

The 25th Birthday celebration marks the start of a year of birthday events with people also encouraged to share their memories and milestones at South Bank on the South Bank website.

Demolition of the restaurant building and plans for the site will now be progressed.

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