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RNA redevelopment construction moves a step closer

Commencement of the \$2.9 billion 15 year Bowen Hills RNA Showgrounds Redevelopment is a significant step closer today, following the signing of a Project Development Agreement between the RNA and Lend Lease.

RNA Chief Executive Jonathan Tunny said the agreement paved the way for design to begin on major building upgrades scheduled to start next year.

"A year ago we unveiled plans for this world class exciting regeneration project which most importantly guaranteed Queensland's most beloved event, the annual Ekka, would remain at the RNA Showgrounds, and be boosted by upgraded facilities and modern animal pavilions," he said.

"Rich in traditions, the Ekka is a true Queensland icon and this essential redevelopment ensures this wonderful event will continue to delight generations to come."

Mr Tunny said that while the agreement between the RNA and Lend Lease was being formalised, the RNA had taken the first steps to make way for the redevelopment to ensure it would commence without delay.

"So far only minor works have taken place with the only noticeable difference for visitors to this year's Ekka being the removal of the chair lift and several storerooms," he said.

"Due to the large number of stakeholders and the project's complexity it has been essential to spend the time to ensure the right outcomes will be achieved by all parties involved.

"Today's agreement means that following this year's Ekka, planning will commence for stage one, including the Industrial Pavilion and Brisbane's largest fresh produce markets, with construction set to start next year."

Mr Tunny said the agreement also meant the RNA Masterplan Development Application will shortly be lodged with the Urban Land Development Authority (ULDA).

"During Ekka, there will be a special display outlining more information on the redevelopment project and we welcome visitors to provide their feedback as part of our ongoing consultation process which started two years ago."

Lend Lease Group Head of Development David Hutton said Lend Lease was very pleased to enter into the formal development agreement with the RNA following its selection as preferred developer last year.

"Today's announcement reinforces our strong working relationship with the RNA and our shared vision for one of Queensland's most iconic sites," Mr Hutton said.

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