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Queen's Wharf Brisbane time capsule attracts personal keepsakes from Queensland's biggest stars

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Queensland's favourite sons and daughters – including Jonathan Thurston, Jeff Horn, Laura Geitz, and Li Cunxin – are donating personal keepsakes for a time capsule to be buried at the once-in-a-generation \$3.6 billion Queen's Wharf Brisbane integrated resort site.

The Star Entertainment Group, lead partner in Destination Brisbane Consortium which is creating the transformational precinct on the riverfront in the CBD, has approached some of Queensland's biggest stars to donate personal mementos.

To be opened in 2049, 30 years after its burial, the time capsule will contain an eclectic mix of items from a 'Who's Who' list from across a range of sectors including sports, arts and culture, entertainment, business, community, media, and government.

The Star Entertainment Group CEO Matt Bekier said the time capsule offered a unique opportunity to preserve a collection of personal objects for future Queenslanders to reflect on, while understanding the transformation Brisbane had undergone since 2019.

"This city is starting on a journey of unprecedented growth with an extraordinary \$15 billion-plus of major tourism and infrastructure projects expected within the next decade," Mr Bekier said.

"Along with our consortium partners, we're excited about our Queen's Wharf Brisbane development being at the forefront of these game-changing projects.

"Developing Brisbane's global reputation as a must-see tourism, leisure, and entertainment destination, and transforming the city skyline, will be an experience for all of Queensland to savour over the next several years.

"It's why we want to mark the occasion early. Placing a time capsule underground before we start the main construction works, filled with objects and mementos that tell a wonderfully unique story of Brisbane and Queenslanders now, will give an incredible window into the past when it is dug up in 30 years' time."

Mr Bekier said a diverse and bespoke range of personal items had already been received including State of Origin legend Jonathan Thurston donating his Indigenous All-Stars headgear.

“We want to thank everyone who has made a special contribution to our time capsule and has been willing to showcase their personal connection to our great city and state,” Mr Bekier said.

“We may not all be around in 2049 but we can certainly feel proud that these items will leave fascinating insights for the next generation, especially on Brisbane’s ‘coming of age’ through projects like Queen’s Wharf.”

Destination Brisbane Consortium Project Director Simon Crooks said the time capsule will be placed underground in Waterline Park, part of the 12 football fields of new public realm that will be delivered through Queen’s Wharf Brisbane.

“Waterline Park is on track to open to the public later this year and will become a subtropical recreational park located on the riverfront behind the government tower at 1 William Street,” Mr Crooks said.

“Around the same time, we also expect to open Mangrove Walk, a stunning 450 metre-long above-water pedestrian walkway, located between the Botanic Gardens and our development.

“Meanwhile, work is also on track for the phased upgrade of the Bicentennial Bikeway, with the first 500 metre section of bikeway – between the Goodwill Bridge and 1 William Street – being enhanced and improved.

“Once the first section is complete later this year, it will be followed by a phased upgrade of the bikeway and waterfront all the way to the Victoria Bridge.

“In total, one kilometre of waterfront between the Goodwill and Victoria bridges will be enhanced as part of our world-class development.”

Members of the general public also get the chance to be part of Queensland’s history by entering the ***Our Brisbane 2049*** competition.

Visit www.couriermail.com.au/competitions for more details including how to enter.

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