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New Makers' Workshop to open doors this Sunday

The new Makers' Workshop will open its doors this Sunday as part of Celebrate Tasmania Day.

After nine months of construction, the \$5.8 million Burnie City Council project at West Park will be revealed to the public with free entry and tours from 9am until 5pm.

Workshop Director Jenny Cox said opening the facility to the public first rather than through the official opening was important as it gave the locals a feel of ownership.

Following Sunday's public opening, the Workshop will be buzzing with the arrival of two cruise ships from Tuesday.

"It's all systems go from Sunday and everyone is pumped and thrilled to finally open the doors," Ms Cox said.

"The Makers' Workshop is such an iconic building for Burnie that will not only draw visitors from far and wide but also provides something for locals to be proud of.

"I encourage everyone to come along and check it out – seeing is believing."

Burnie Mayor Alwyn Boyd said the unveiling would be worth the wait with the new facility promising some spectacular visuals showcasing Burnie's history.

Mayor Boyd congratulated everyone involved in the unique project, which will include many of Burnie's iconic features.

"The Makers' Workshop really will be an experience for all ages, who will no doubt leave with a great understanding and appreciation of Burnie's history of renowned makers," Mayor Boyd said.

"Interaction with the displays is an important aspect of the Makers' Workshop and is one that will set it apart from similar facilities throughout Australia."

The Workshop will include Creative Paper, Burnie's Visitor Information Centre, elements of the Pioneer Village Museum, a gallery, a café and working spaces for artists.

Iconic displays include the Burnie Town clock, the first R1500 LHD underground mining machine designed and built by Dale Elphinstone and the photographic collection from APPM.

Some works are still underway including interactive displays such as multi-media and activity pods, which will be ready for the official opening on Monday, November 30.

Local Pastors Phil Carswell and Greg Jones will officially bless the Makers' Workshop at 2pm on Sunday.

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