

[Previous Story](#)[Next Story](#)*Article rank* | 18 Mar 2021 | *The Cairns Post* | BRONWYN FARR

CONVENTION CENTRE IN A RACE TO FINISH

THE race is on to have the \$17m refurbishment of Cairns Convention Centre complete ahead of its first conference – the Australian Banana Industry Congress from May 12 to 14.

Cairns MP Michael Healy, who hosted Queensland Premier Anastacia Palaszczuk and Tourism Minister Stirling Hinchliffe in the Far North on Wednesday, said the convention centre had generated around \$80m of economic activity annually for Cairns.

“With this expansion and ongoing development of this infrastructure, we will see around \$130m pumped into our community with the MICE – meetings, incentives, conventions and exhibitions – market,” Mr Healy said. “Once that comes back, Cairns is going to be so well positioned to capitalise on it, and there are already some conferences lined up.”

Works include a large undercover forecourt, a larger main entry, a 410-seat lecture space, three 120-seat meeting rooms as well as a 500-seat rooftop banquet space with views over Trinity Inlet.

Mr Hinchliffe said the refreshed centre would be an appealing international convention option when global borders reopened but in the meantime, it would attract national events.

There are 544 workers on the job at the centre.

This article was shared by a user of PressReader - an online source of publications from around the world. PressReader contains copyrighted material, trademarks and other proprietary information. Receipt of this article should not be interpreted as grant of any licenses express or implied, to the intellectual property of PressReader or publishers of publications presented. PressReader, 200-13111 Vanier Place, Richmond BC V6V 2J1, Canada Phone: +1 604 278 4604 © 2003-2020 PressReader Inc. All rights reserved. Terms of Use: <http://care.pressreader.com/hc/articles/206528495-Terms-of-Use> Privacy Policy: <http://care.pressreader.com/hc/articles/205818089-Privacy-Policy>

[Previous Story](#)[Next Story](#)