

# Makers Workshop is making fast progress

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BURNIE'S \$5.35 million Makers' Workshop is going up fast and on track for completion in October.

"Excitement has been building since Fairbrother Construction arrived on-site in March and everything is on track for the October completion," Mayor Alwyn Boyd said yesterday.

"The new facility will boost Burnie's most prominent location — its waterfront — and council is excited to continually lift this cultural precinct to new heights."

The Makers' Workshop will contain Creative Paper, a visitor information centre, a gallery, a cafe, a retail area and parts of the Pioneer Village Museum.

Ald Boyd said more panels and steel frames would be added in the next month and cladding

would start soon.

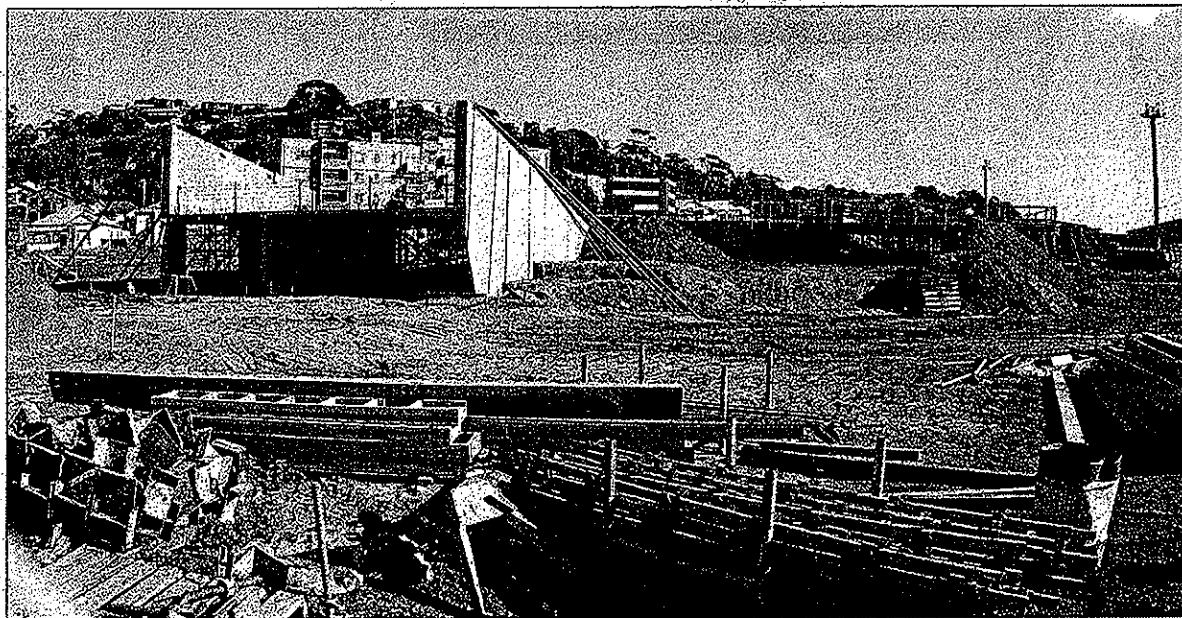
He said the facility would feature hundreds of items showcasing Burnie's history and more than 200 items from the Pioneer

Village Museum would support almost 40 stories of Burnie history.

It would also have "activity pods", which would serve as

studios for local artists.

"This will provide them with the opportunity to showcase their talents to a large, changing audience on a daily basis."



**TAKING SHAPE:** The much-anticipated Makers Workshop at Burnie's West Park is well on the way to its October completion. Picture: Grant Wells.