

Karori Reservoir Wildlife Sanctuary Gets Significant Funding

The Karori Reservoir Wildlife Sanctuary is to receive funding from the Government's Significant Community Based Projects Fund from this year's allocation.

The grant of \$6,522,285 is to assist in the construction and fit-out of an all-weather Visitor and Education Centre. It will include displays, exhibits and in-Sanctuary facilities, and aims to provide visitors with a world-class, interactive experience in wildlife conservation.

Minister of Internal Affairs, Hon Rick Barker said this project has major regional significance and fits with Positively Wellington Tourism's 'Accessible Nature' and 'Nationhood' key brand elements as well as assisting in the preservation of the natural environment in the Sanctuary.

"This facility will greatly enhance the conservation and education experience for all visitors. It offers benefits at a national level for domestic and international visitors with the potential to become one of the most highly visited conservation interpretation sites in New Zealand with it's central location almost in the middle of our Capital city, he said.

"I would like to congratulate the Trust on their enormous efforts over the last twelve months to ensure that, this year, the criteria for funding could be fulfilled and that forecasts for the future sustainability of the Sanctuary are positive."