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Fort Scratchley to be Returned to the People

Fort Scratchley will this weekend be handed back to the people of Newcastle following \$12 million of Commonwealth-funded restoration work.

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson will be among those at a ceremony on Sunday to re-open the Fort and officially transfer its ownership from the Commonwealth to Newcastle City Council.

Ms Grierson said she was pleased to have helped secure around \$12 million in Commonwealth funding which has allowed an extensive refurbishment of the Fort.

"This is a great example of the community working together to campaign for the refurbishment and future protection of this wonderful Newcastle icon," Ms Grierson said.

"I'd particularly pay tribute to the work of the Fort Scratchley Historical Society in achieving this outcome."

"The funding we secured will finally see the Fort refurbished to a standard fitting its dedication to all of our serving men and women, past present and future."

"I look forward to joining with the Newcastle community on Sunday to celebrate the re-opening of the Fort and see first-hand the results of the restoration work."

The official ceremony begins at 10.30am Sunday 29 June 2008 at the Fort Scratchley parade ground.

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