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PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA**

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FUNDING SECURED FOR KOKODA TRACK MEMORIAL WALKWAY

Anthony Albanese and Labor will commit \$744,000 over four years to the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway.

This new four-year funding commitment is in addition to the Government's existing support for the walkway, including \$186,000 to be delivered in 2025-26.

The walkway was opened in 1996 to commemorate those who served in the Papua New Guinea and Kokoda Track campaigns.

It hosts thousands of visitors each year, including around 4,500 school students as part of the Walkway's free school visitation program, as well as hosting commemorative services for Anzac Day, Victory in the Pacific and Kokoda Day.

It is a popular walkway connecting the Rhodes railway station to Concord Repatriation General Hospital.

Along the 800-metre route there are 22 stations that highlight the significance of a battle or location during the campaign.

This election commitment will help ensure education programs can continue that enable

the public to learn about and commemorate the sacrifices of our veterans.

Consistent with past practice, election commitments will be delivered in line with the Commonwealth Grants Rules and Principles.

Quotes attributable to Prime Minister Anthony Albanese:

“Kokoda is a name that lives in Australian legend. It captures the spirit of courage, endurance, mateship and sacrifice forged between Australia and Papua New Guinea during World War II.

“Last year I walked the Kokoda track in Papua New Guinea with my good friend Prime Minister Marape.

“That is an experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

“I want all Australians to have the opportunity to learn about and acknowledge the sacrifices of our veterans.”

Quotes attributable to Minister for Veterans’ Affairs Matt Keogh:

“This unique memorial will continue to not only pay tribute to those who have served, but also create a place of calm for the veterans receiving treatment at the nearby Concord Repatriation General Hospital as well as providing a useful place of education for generations to come.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Reid Sally Sitou:

“I have always supported the Kokoda Track Memorial Walkway and I am proud to have such an important memorial in our community. This funding will continue to support the wonderful volunteers and staff to deliver their education programs and commemorate the sacrifice of veterans.”

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