



Government Media Statement

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Government Support Helps Finish Off Malua Memorial

A State Government grant will help put the finishing touches to a unique memorial in Deloraine to honor one of the best racehorses to ever come from Tasmania.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier Heather Butler said today the \$6000 would help complete the rear pictorial wall of the memorial to 1884 Melbourne Cup winner Malua.

The wall will feature six large tiled pictures of Melbourne Cup crowds from the 1880s.

“It will be a spectacular feature of the memorial which will be a monument of national significance,” Ms Butler said.

The life size bronze statue of Malua will be unveiled at the Deloraine Visitor Centre on Saturday.

“The memorial will be an added drawcard for the visitor centre which already attracts well over 50,000 people a year.”

Malua was bred at the Calstock horse stud at Deloraine and his feats are still compared to modern day champions.

The Melbourne Cup winner also won the Newmarket Handicap, Adelaide Cup and came out of retirement as a nine year-old to win the Australian Grant National Hurdle and the Geelong Cup.

Ms Butler paid tribute to the Malua Memorial Interest Group and those you had worked for the past four years to raise funds to make the memorial a reality.