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The Prime Minister, Mr Hawke, and the Premier, Mr Bannon, today announced that two major South Australian projects had been granted funding under the joint Commonwealth-State Bicentennial Commemorative Program.

The first project is to relocate the existing Mile End Railway Museum at Port Dock Station at Port Adelaide. Mr Bannon said that the Museum fulfilled an important role in the preservation and care of historically significant engines, rolling stock and memorabilia associated with South Australia's railway history.

"It is the only railway museum in Australia displaying locomotives representative of four different railway gauges, reflecting the State's unique position in Australian railway history."

Mr Bannon said the Museum would attract 60,000 visitors a year and because of its proximity to the South Australian Maritime Museum, would add another feature to the redevelopment of the Port Adelaide area. The Museum will be completed within the Bicentennial year - 1988.

The second project to be given Federal funding is the tropical conservatory in the Botanic Garden. Mr Bannon said that the new tropical conservatory of steel and glass construction would have educational, scientific and recreational value to the community and would provide a striking Bicentennial focus for the imaginative redevelopment of the Hackney bus depot site. It will be used to cultivate a tropical plant display featuring species from Australia, Malaysia and the Pacific region.

Mr Hawke said that the Commonwealth Government was pleased to be associated with the two projects. The project nominations from the South Australian Government demonstrated imagination and a commitment to Australia's heritage. They were another example of Commonwealth-State cooperation which served to illustrate the Bicentennial theme 'Living Together'.

The two Bicentennial projects will cost a total of \$7.1 million.

Two other Bicentennial projects which will be jointly funded by the Commonwealth and State have already been announced. These are the River Murray Interpretive Centre at Goolwa and a Tourist and Outback Interpretive Centre at Port Augusta.