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Taking shape: The Gateway to Cape York

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Set to become a must do tourist attraction in Lakeland, construction has begun on the Gateway to Cape York.

The \$1.2 million project at Lakeland on Mulligan Highway will be delivered with \$998,000 from the Queensland Government's Building our Regions program, and will provide vital new tourism infrastructure to welcome visitors to the Cape York Peninsula.

Once complete the Gateway to Cape York will feature an iconic "gateway," a purpose-built traveller information centre, a rest stop area and an interactive sculpture park that will showcase communities from Cape York.

"An important aspect of the project is highlighting what makes the Cape so historically, culturally and ecologically unique and then educating visitors as to what they can do to help us preserve and conserve this spectacular part of the world," said Cook Shire Mayor Peter Scott.

It's anticipated that phase one of the project will be complete in time to welcome visitors driving through Lakeland to attend the Cooktown and Cape York Expo 2021 being held between 11-20 June next year.

The Gateway to Cape York project is proudly funded by the Queensland Government in association with Cook Shire Council.

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