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An iconic Boab moves to the centre of the transforming Airport

- A Boab tree estimated at 50-100-years-old has been relocated at the Airport
- The tree was moved to enable construction as part of airport redevelopment
- The new location allows the community to enjoy the iconic tree
- The tree will be monitored for 12 months to ensure it thrives by the Abor Centre

The impressive tree, estimated to be 50 to 100-years-old, was located in a private fenced area, unseen by the airport's community. Its new home is a construction zone that will become a welcoming new entrance to the passenger terminal. The boab will be a crowning piece in the plaza zone for everyone to enjoy at Port Hedland International Airport.

The big move was overseen by horticultural experts as the tree was excavated from the ground by work crews, then by gentle franna-crane lift, transported 130m across the site. Work now continues on the underground civil works, car parking, ground transport and hire car facility upgrades.

PHIA Group Chairman, the Hon. Cheryl Edwardes AM, said it is a magnificent tree and important to that it is preserved at the airport.

"Not much is known about the boab and PHIA welcomes any information the community of Port Hedland has to share about history of this and several other boabs planted at the airport many years ago," Mrs Edwardes said.

PHIA is working hard to deliver a revitalised airport which makes the Port Hedland community proud and has the ongoing capacity to service the burgeoning industry and diverse opportunities in the region.

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