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Central Coast Leagues Club proposes home for performing arts

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Central Coast Leagues Club (CCLC) has put a proposal to Gosford City Council that will give life to the concept of an arts and entertainment precinct with a development plan to construct a Performing Arts and Entertainment Centre on the existing CCLC site.

The proposed new Centre would meet cultural, economic and environmental needs by providing a community centre that will also identify the gateway to Gosford with a prestigious façade that will rival recognised public buildings in other major cities.

The proposal is to establish in conjunction with Gosford City Council, a Centre that will be a community owned facility which can achieve commercial objectives through management by the experienced CCLC operations team.

The facility will provide a state of the art 1000 seat theatre, a 1000 seat conference/concert hall, 'black box' and television drama set, jazz club facilities, extensive parking and pedestrian access. Although linked to the CCLC, the Centre will have its own identity. It will feature excellent water views, and its unique location will lend itself to open air cultural activities beside the water.

Belinda Suann, Business Development Manager Central Coast Leagues Club, commented, "The Central Coast Leagues Club has a long history of community involvement and the Performing Arts and Entertainment Centre will extend this involvement to the important cultural role of performing arts. Commenting on the benefits of building the Centre on the existing CCLC site instead of other sites identified as possible options, Ms Suann added, "The Centre is more environmentally sustainable through the re-use of existing structures and allows for more open space adjacent to the Club. It also makes economic sense as it will be significantly cheaper than building a standalone facility elsewhere."

Although the need for a local arts and entertainment precinct has been talked about for many years, the Gosford Challenge was the vehicle to create a solution. The construction of the Centre on the CCLC site meets the needs identified by the Friends of Performing Arts Precinct (FoPAP) in its needs analysis report and provides many benefits to the local area and the arts community.

Ms Suann said, "If this proposal goes ahead the local community can look forward to the very best of arts and entertainment in the heart of Gosford. It creates a bright future for Gosford culturally and economically."

Peter Reynolds, Chairman Central Coast Leagues Club added "The performing arts and entertainment centre and the proposed hotel development on the Leagues Club site, both adjacent to Bluetongue Stadium, means we can create the social and cultural hub of Gosford that we believe will be the catalyst for future development projects in Gosford."

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