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'The Landing at Gosford' Masterplan - the details

The Minister for the Central Coast, The Honourable Chris Hartcher MP officially launched 'The Landing at Gosford' masterplan to a group of over 120 people on the 29th September 2011.

Stephen Brahams, Chairman of The Landing at Gosford's Project Control Group, said, "This Masterplan is about creating regional change. It is about a new city for Gosford with flow on effects from which the entire region can benefit."

The facets of the plan, which will create this change, are:

- A Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre
- Commercial office buildings
- A hotel to support the Conference Centre
- Better Pedestrian access
- Enhanced community spaces and play areas
- Retail and residential opportunities.

The Regional Performing Arts and Conference Centre (RPACC)

The RPACC will provide a venue to suit wide variety of music styles and performance, as well as providing a permanent home for the Conservatorium of Music. The Conservatorium carries out an important role of fostering music in the community, as well as providing music education for the Coast's school kids.

The RPACC will further boost the local economy by providing a large venue for conferences including a 1,000 seat plenary hall, a second 500 seat flexible space, capable of a variety of configurations and a series of meeting rooms.

These centres will have the opportunity to be used to support business tourism and corporate functions via use of the conference and convention facilities.

The RPACC will be supported with an adjacent 200+ room Hotel to support the entertainment, conference and tourist market. These additional functions will help to ensure the Centre is active both day and night.

"We look forward to showcasing the best of not only Central Coast talent, but also some high profile Sydney shows, which cannot currently be accommodated in our region" said Mr Brahams.

Commercial office buildings

The key commercial section of the development is the provision of approximately 45,000 m² of office space situated in 3 towers.

These towers will have small retail outlets at ground level and large floor plans in each tower. The aim for these spaces is to attract a NSW Government tenant as well as high profile corporate companies who are looking for exceptional quality office accommodation, located just out of the Sydney metro area.

“These premises will be a 4 to 5 green star rated commercial buildings,” said Mr Brahams.

“We are looking to ensure that these spaces attract new businesses to the region in order to provide the 4,000 jobs target,” he said.

Enhanced community spaces and play areas via City Park & Recreational Centre

Across the extended Baker Street Boulevard, the existing Leagues Club Park will be transformed into the new City Park providing a range of landscaped green and designated activity areas including a new Rotary Park. These spaces will offer something for adults and kids of all ages.

As well as a new green heart, which will complement Kibble Park, the City Park will also provide a new indoor Recreational Centre with a two pools and a water play area for little kids.

“The centrepiece of the ‘The Landing at Gosford’ masterplan will be a stunning new Broadwater Board Walk which will run around the entire waterfront” said Mr Brahams.

The Broadwater Board Walk will allow cyclists and pedestrians to access the entire Waterfront and will provide a variety of amenities and experiences including: a new Boat Ramp and Club, the Lions Club Park and Beach, passing through the new residential finger wharfs with their moorings, a new Broadwater Park with its jetty, the Gosford Wharf, more residential piers adjacent to the Stadium and around to the Point Claire Cycleway.

Retail and residential opportunities

The new Gosford Wharf and breakwater will provide a ferry pontoon, casual moorings and a new Cafe/Restaurant Precinct providing stunning water views.

There will be a series of two storey cafes and restaurants facing north and west which will service patrons from the commercial offices, Regional Performing Arts & Conference Centre and Blue Tongue Stadium.

The residential cove section of the Masterplan has 198 apartments, some offering marina berths.

“The target market for these waterfront apartments will be buyers who are looking at an investment more than \$1 million”.

“The residential cove services the luxury end of the market, one which is currently not catered for within the Gosford CBD” said Mr Brahams.

Overall the Masterplan will deliver 700 new dwellings, which will have varying sizes, scales and choices for the consumer.

“It is about delivering an outcome which is realistic, achievable and supports the primary objectives established by the ‘Our City, Our Destiny’ Masterplan for the Gosford CBD” said Mr Brahams.

The Corporation will have an office at 178 Mann St for a 3 week period, opening 5th October 2011. I encourage all people with an interest in this project, to visit or to go the CCRDC website for more details.

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