

Council Reference:

Casino Community & Cultural Centre – JP:NP

Contact Officer:

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Dear Sir/Madam,

CASINO COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTRE

Richmond Valley Council is currently in the process of meeting with Community Organisations that are interested in using the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre. You have been included on this list because your organisation has been identified as one of the organisations that may be interested in updates in relation to the plans for this centre. Included in this correspondence are the notes from the meeting of Monday 27th September 2010, 2.00pm - 3.00pm.

All information presented at previous meetings in relation to discussions for the Casino Community and Cultural Centre are available at the front Counter at Richmond Valley Council and may be posted out on request. Information in relation to the Casino Community and Cultural centre can also be found on Council's website (which will be regularly updated) at http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au.titan.imagin8.com/page/reports/On_Exhibition/Casino_Community_and_Cultural_Centre/.

The next meeting to progress this issue is scheduled for:

- Monday, 25 October 2010 2:00pm - 3:30 pm
- Monday, 29 November 2010 2:30pm - 4:30pm

All of these meetings will be held at the Council Administration Building, Cnr Walker Street and Graham Place, Casino. If you would like any more information in relation to these information sessions please contact Joanne Petrovic on (02) 666 00225 or e-mail joanne.petrovic@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully,



for Kenneth Exley

DIRECTOR

ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Notes on the meeting held with potential users of the Casino Community and Cultural Centre on Monday, 27 September 2010 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Present: Christine Nicholls (Red Cross), Carrie Kennedy (Red Cross and United Support), Fran White (Quota), Noeline Olive (Casino Neighbourhood Centre), Alex Standing (Casino Senior Citizens), Peter Adams and Steve Dick (Neighbourhood Watch)

Apology: Lawrie Bonner

Council Representatives Present: Ken Exley, Joanne Petrovic (Convener)

Revision:

Joanne started off the meeting with a revision of what had happened so far in relation to the consultations including:

- a meeting to look at the plans and designs of the building
- a meeting to discuss the financial and use considerations of the building

Joanne reminded everyone that at any point any of the reports that have gone to Council, in addition to plans and summaries of these meetings are available at the front Counter of the Richmond Valley Council Office. She also reminded them that much of this is available on the Richmond Valley Council website at:

http://www.richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au/page/reports/On_Exhibition/Casino_Community_and_Cultural_Centre/

Room Bookings:

Joanne then worked with the groups to get some idea on the demand on the rooms. Attached to this document is a draft calendar for the rooms that have currently been completed under Stage 1 of construction.

For the exercise the rooms were arbitrarily numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4 as per the plans as formal names for these rooms had not yet been finalised.

This draft plan is an indication of room demand only and does not finalise which organisations would be in which rooms on which days. Following a completion of this exercise, it was clear that even with only the bottom three rooms there was still plenty of capacity in the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre for more room bookings.

Hiring Costs:

A number of groups then expressed their concerns that the major impediment to using the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre was the lack of clarity around the costs of rooms for the building. Joanne explained that the price of the centre was not yet set because the number of users was not clear. The less the number of users, the greater the price.

The following example was used to demonstrate this point:

- If the yearly operation of a site is assumed to be \$50,000 for the centre, then with three rooms operating (current rooms available) at 100 days a year, the costs would be \$166.67 per day,
- If the yearly operation of a site is \$50,000 then if there are 10 rooms operating (which is what is designed) with each room being used for 350 days per year then the cost for each group would be \$14.29 per day.

New potential users:

The group then spent some time brain-storming what other users may be possible for the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre. The following ideas were put forward:

1. Approach Casino RSM in relation to the Cattle Groups, Rotary, Poultry Club, Bird Club, Lions, Relay for Life, Fishing and Show Society Meetings that happen there to see if the Club would be interested in having these (or any other) groups transfer to the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre.¹
2. Find commercial users for the Casino Community and Cultural Centre who would be able to pay a higher rate.

¹ Action: Joanne to talk to the Casino RSM in relation to this possibility

3. Approach other not-for-profit and Commercial organisations to see who would be interested in office space in the new building²
4. Seek assistance from Council to subsidise use of the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre until numbers were high enough to allow the fees and charges to be low.
5. Approach groups for exhibition over the space (including quilters, garden clubs, Orchid Societies and
6. Run regular meetings such at the Casino Community and Cultural Centre such as the Aged and Disability Interagency, Crime Precinct and Police network meetings.
7. To create a Seniors' Kiosk in the new Casino Community and Cultural Centre.
8. To create places for Court Ordered Parental supervision meetings.

Alcohol on the site:

Joanne spoke about the Casino Lions Club in Casino and their inquiry about whether or not alcohol would be permitted on the site. There was some debate on this point with no final resolution met, although there was agreement that:

- The Casino Community and Cultural Centre was not a place for Weddings or Birthday Parties and similar functions.
- Alcohol should never be sold at the site.

There was some disagreement about whether or not functions such as Lions Club Meetings and Art openings should be allowed.

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² Action: Joanne to meet with Noeline Olive at Casino Neighbourhood Centre to appropriately identify these groups.

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