



Our New YEPPOON TOWN HALL

Town hall a place for all

Building a community hub to foster community's sense of enthusiasm

IT WAS with great pride that I, the Member for Capricornia, Kirsten Livermore, and our councillors officially opened the Yeppoon Town Hall last Thursday.

The jointly funded \$6.4 million project (\$3.2 million contributed each from the Federal Government and Rockhampton Regional Council) has transformed this hall into a state of the art facility, which provides a community and cultural hub located in the heart of Yeppoon.

As a long-time Capricorn Coast resident – having first moved here with Gail in 1977, and returning to Yeppoon in 1991 where we have resided ever since – I consider myself and my family locals.

We love living on the Capricorn Coast and I am as equally delighted as everyone else to bring this great community facility to fruition.

This site is rich with history, ori-

ginally the location of Yeppoon's School of Arts and following its demise the construction of the Yeppoon Town Hall in 1965, and now a vibrant and valuable community town hall. One thing that has and will remain a constant is the community's enthusiasm and commitment to performing arts.

The curtain was raised on the first stage production on Saturday night for the opening performance of Oklahoma and it was my great pleasure to open this professional and entertaining musical.

I have no doubt the Yeppoon Town Hall will be enjoyed by many generations to come – this little gem provides the community with a meeting place where we can interact with and celebrate our community – past and present.

- Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Brad Carter



UNVEILED: Federal Member for Capricornia Kirsten Livermore and Rockhampton Regional Council Mayor Brad Carter officially open the Yeppoon Town Hall on September 8. Photo: Sophie Jackson RCC070911townhall2

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Town hall for whole populace

THE Yeppoon Town Hall will again become the community's meeting place after its official opening on Thursday, September 8.

Mayor Brad Carter and Member for Capricornia Kirsten Livermore officially opened the doors to the redeveloped Yeppoon Town Hall.

This \$6.4 million edifice has been transformed into a state-of-the-art community and cultural hub right in the heart of Yeppoon's Central Business District.

This project was made possible with the assistance of funding received from the Federal Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program,

while Rockhampton Regional Council matched the funding dollar for dollar.

As he proudly performed the official opening of Yeppoon's new cultural focal centre, Mayor Brad Carter said: "The building has been transformed into a vibrant and valuable hall where we can interact with and celebrate our community, past and present.

"Gail and I are proud Capricorn Coast residents and are looking forward to coming along to many community productions and events held in the revamped Yeppoon Town Hall in the years to come," Cr Carter said.

"This site is rich with history – originally the location of Yeppoon's School of Arts and following its demise, the construction of the Yeppoon Town Hall in 1965, and today we are opening this little gem.

"One thing that has and will remain a constant is the community's enthusiasm and commitment to performing arts.

"Oklahoma will again be the first stage production to grace the hall's stage, with the curtain rising on their first show on Saturday September 10."

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YEPPOON TOWN HALL

Rockhampton Regional Council is proud to have officially opened the Yeppoon Town Hall on Thursday 8 September 2011.

This \$6.4 million investment will see a state of the art community and cultural hub located in the heart of Yeppoon's Central Business District.

This project was made possible due to funding received from the Australian Government's Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program, with Rockhampton Regional Council matching the funding dollar for dollar.

The Yeppoon Town Hall is available for hire by the community including hire of the *Function Room*, the *Auditorium* or the *entire Town Hall*.

To find out more information about the Yeppoon Town Hall or to hire the venue please contact Council on 1300 22 55 77.

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Modern town hall to serve a community

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"Today will also go down in history due to the efforts and commitment of the Yeppoon Lions Club, in particular John Peach, with the encapsulation of their Q150 time capsule that has been sealed and won't be opened until 2059."

MP Kirsten Livermore said the project represented a whole-of-government approach to regional development.

"Today's announcement is about the Federal Government working with Rockhampton Regional Council to provide local solutions to local challenges," Ms Livermore said.

"The Yeppoon Town Hall will

once again be a focal point of the local community with the flexibility to be used as a civic, recreational or entertainment centre."

Ms Livermore said the Federal Government had provided \$3.2 million to the project which included detailed design work and extensive redevelopment.

"The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program has provided over \$5.5 million to Rockhampton Regional Council for a number of community infrastructure projects," she said.

"The Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program is an example of the Gillard government delivering for regional Australia and providing local go-

vernments with the opportunity to promote, upgrade or invest in community infrastructure projects that benefit their communities."

The Yeppoon Town Hall has been completely rebuilt using a minimal amount of the former structure.

The main auditorium can seat up to 360 patrons.

Fronting this area is a stage with fully functional theatre lights and sound system, dressing and green room.

The upper level also provides a lounge and function room supported by a canteen and bar area, and a fully functional commercial kitchen.

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TEST RUN: The cast of Oklahoma on the new stage. Photo: Sophie Jackson

Building reflects coastal lifestyle

WHEN awarded the tender for the Yeppoon Town Hall, Beat architects Carl Brown and Joon Jung wanted to create a public building that reflected Yeppoon as a modern, vibrant coastal town.

"We wanted to create something that was 21st century, modern and expressed the direction where Yeppoon's built environment was heading - that this is a go-ahead town," Carl said.

"Initially we looked at what's going to be happening in this building and wanted the reflection of a performance," said Joon, explaining that a dynamic gesture was the main design concept.

With an impressive glass frontage and clean lines the building has a sculptural element and the architects agree they didn't want it to be just a building but wanted to create a piece of civic sculpture.

"The wall panels actually change colour depending on time of day," Carl said.

"There is a living nature to



OLD DAYS: The original School of Arts building that was first built on the site.

the building which is never static."

The metallic finish of the bonded metal cladding reflects the changing colours of the sun - in the afternoon there is pinkish red hue and in the morning a bright yellow hue capturing the colours and moods of the day.

Carl said that they wanted to

express the elements of central Queensland and that the coloured glass of the building reflected the blues of the ocean.

"Much like Queensland homes, open and cool," he said

The inclusion of a balcony on the front of the building is unusual and allows patrons to enjoy the ambience of the outdoors.

With a building of such scale and sensitive lighting and audio equipment permanently installed, ventilation was addressed with air-conditioning.

"The hall has been built with low-maintenance materials and is heavily insulated and has been designed to run efficiently and economically," Carl said. - Sophie Jackson

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FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CAPRICORNIA

Yeppoon Town Hall - The Place to Be

The redevelopment of the Yeppoon Town Hall represents a whole-of-government approach to regional development.

It is, the Federal Government working with Rockhampton Regional Council to provide local solutions to local challenges.

The Yeppoon Town Hall will once again be a focal point of the local community with the flexibility to be used as a civic, recreational or entertainment centre.

The project which began in 2009, moved through a number of phases, from design and demolition of a major part of the existing structure, to an almost complete redevelopment of the building.

I am proud that the Gillard Government has provided \$3.2 million to the project in conjunction with Rockhampton Regional Council.

Residents from all over the region will now benefit from this modern centre.

The Capricorn Coast, like all of central Queensland remains an ideal place to live, visit and conduct business and so; it is important for government to provide touring performances, professional conferences and community events a place to bring people together.

The Yeppoon Town Hall is once again, the place to be.

Over the past 14 years, I have seen the Capricorn Coast grow and thrive. This project represents a new and exciting opportunity for the local community to put this centre to good use and ensure the Yeppoon Town Hall remains open for business.

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PIECE OF HISTROY: The old Yeppoon Town Hall built in 1965.



The floor from the old hall has been repolished and installed in the new hall.

Saying goodbye to the old



The start of the demolition process.



The old hall comes down.

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ABOVE: Performances in the new hall.
LEFT: The concert hall area can accommodate up to 350 people.

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