



MITTAGONG RSL

THE WORKS Planning for a new demographic future

START DATE August 2014

END DATE Late 2015

COST \$8.5 million for Stage 1

ARCHITECT Abeo Architects

CONSTRUCTION

Meridian Construction

"The club has initiated a program to continuously improve and re-engineer the business base and has always operated a diversified business, offering on-site accommodation and large functions and conference facilities. In 2013 only 56 per cent of the club's revenue was derived from gaming machines. With its investment in food, beverage and functions facilities, the master plan will continue to underwrite the contribution of non-gaming revenue over the next decade."

Craig Madsen
General Manager

Mittagong RSL completed a number of major building works and renovations between 2008 and 2013. Some of these works were made in response to changes to smoking legislation, while others were made in preparation for Stages 1 and 2 of the club's master plan.

In 2008 an outdoor gaming terrace and smoking breakout area were added adjacent to main bar. In 2010, the club upgraded the members' lounge and made modifications to the foyer and terraces. In 2011, air-conditioning and other services were re-located and in 2012 the construction of new back-of-house facilities and refurbishment of the gaming area, sports bar and main bar were completed.

A brief for the club master plan was developed at the club's 2010 Strategic Planning Workshop and Abeo Architects was commissioned to finalise the design of the master plan in two stages.

The plan for both stages is to embrace contemporary hospitality design incorporating fresh air, natural light and natural materials to create an innovative food, beverage, entertainment and gaming precinct. This will enable the club to reposition itself from a traditional suburban RSL club to a more dynamic entertainment venue aligned to the changing market demographics of the Southern Highlands.

Stage 1 includes a new brasserie, café and associated bar areas, wood-fired pizza dining, outdoor dining/café terraces, family-friendly dining, a kid's activity area, improvements to the main entrance and reception areas as well as an extension to the club's current function facilities.

Stage 2 comprises extensions to the completed function facilities, with construction commencing in 2018. It will include extra bars, meeting and function areas, and an extension of the function and events lounge area. ♣