

BUILDING A LEGACY AT GOSFORD RSL

The \$50 million Gosford RSL showcases architectural excellence, capitalising on North Construction & Building's expertise and local trades, to deliver the striking 3-story club. Featuring a RSL museum, cafe, lounge, and event spaces, the project has transformed the existing RSL club into a premier destination for the local community.

In a landmark project for the Central Coast, North Construction & Building has played a pivotal role in the transformation of Gosford RSL into a modern superclub. Engaged as the Design and Construct partner after a competitive tender process, North worked closely with Gosford RSL to deliver a \$50 million redevelopment that has redefined the club as a beacon of community.

The new Gosford RSL is a striking 3-storey ultra-modern club featuring a distinctive porte cochere entry, RSL museum, and reception servicing both the RSL and the adjoining motel, on the ground floor. The first floor boasts a cafe, lounge, bar, multiple indoor and outdoor dining options, a kids' play area, and a teenage retreat. The second floor showcases sophisticated conference and event spaces, a sports bar, and a brewery.

The building itself is supported by a nest of 156 concrete piles to a depth of 25m – 30m. A detailed methane extraction mattress is installed under the ground floor. The remainder of the structure consists of typical reinforced footings, columns, post tensioned slabs, concrete plant deck and structural steel roof structure.

The external fabric of the building consists of significant glazed elevations, detailed masonry work, glazed curtain walls to the foyer,

dispersed with Monoclad panels and fascia. A traditional metal deck roof completes the building.

An additional 154 car parking spaces will be added on site to accommodate the expected increase in patron numbers.

One of the specific challenges faced by North was the proximity of the building footprint to adjacent Sydney Trains power lines. "This challenge emerged after construction had commenced and required significant redesign, including a reduced footprint for the club, changes to the internal layout, and alternate construction methodology," said Matthew Cook, Managing Director at North Construction & Building.

North worked diligently and collaboratively with the client and consultant team to overcome all challenges, ensuring the project was delivered on time and to the highest standard.

"The Gosford RSL Club deserves recognition and acclaim for several compelling reasons," said Matthew. "The new club stands as a beacon

of heritage and honors its rich history spanning over six decades. The club's design, meticulously crafted by our team, exemplifies architectural brilliance, and it provides a space for social interaction, camaraderie, and shared experiences."

"As a regional construction company founded on the Central Coast over 37 years ago, it's very special to us to have delivered a project like the Gosford RSL Club," said Matthew. "Not only does the development transform this gateway into Gosford, but as a venue doing so much for the local community and Central Coast broadly it is rewarding for us to play our part."

A key highlight of the project is the positive impact it has had on the local community. By purposefully engaging local trade contractors and suppliers, North provided a boost in local employment and minimised the need for workers to commute from Sydney or Newcastle.

"Being the largest project North has delivered to date, it has enabled us to demonstrate our expertise as a trusted building partner. With our focus on local engagement and with great thanks to a team of supportive and skilled trade contractors," said Matthew.

North Construction & Building was founded in 1987 and has grown to become a trusted regional construction company with an award-winning reputation for excellence. With offices in Tuggerah, Newcastle,

Dubbo, Orange, Mudgee and Tamworth NSW, and most recently Brisbane QLD, North works across a diverse range of projects within the commercial, education, aged care, health, industrial, infrastructure, retail, and hospitality sectors.

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CLIENT : Gosford RSL
MAIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY : North Construction & Building
ARCHITECT : WMK Architecture
CONSTRUCTION VALUE : \$50 million

Below Innavate delivered scalable, user-friendly high-quality audio and IPTV systems during Gosford RSL's comprehensive refurbishment, including custom programming.

Below Broad Windows and Façades Sydney created intricate gyprock, wall and ceiling framing designs for the Gosford RSL.



Innavate provided high-quality audio and IPTV systems in the comprehensive refurbishment of Gosford RSL

“Our goal was to deliver a club-wide system consisting of high-quality audio and IPTV systems that are easy to use yet capable of being scalable. We were brought in to assist North Construction & Building in taking the original design from 70% completion to a fully functioning system,” said Director, Anthony Finlay.

The club needed an efficient way to select TV channels or signage for specific displays at any given time. They also desired a prominent feature screen in the Sports Bar and a robust audio system in the Terrace area for events, including DJ performances.

A slight redesign was needed to accommodate the LED wall in the Sports Bar, as the overall width of the wall increased. However, the most significant hurdle was the programming.

“A venue of this size, with numerous displays, audio zones, and function rooms, required extensive detail and coordination between our design and programming teams,” said Anthony. “It took months of development and custom coding to create a seamless user experience.”

Several key products were integral to the project's success:

- **QSC Platform:** Used for both audio and control, its flexibility and iPad compatibility made it ideal. Innavate developed a 3D rendered user interface for easy TV content selection and control.
- **Exterity IPTV Platform:** Chosen for intuitive TV to signage selection, it provided a user-friendly backend that the RSL staff quickly adapted to.
- **Samsung Displays:** Used throughout the venue for signage and IPTV displays, known for their reliability.
- **Unilumin LED Display:** Selected for the Sports Bar, featuring a 1.8mm pixel pitch and measuring 5m by 3m, it offered excellent quality within budget.

“Having the Club CEO and COO get their hands on the iPads and really turn up the volume in the Terrace and Sports Bar was the icing on the cake,” said Anthony.

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The renovation of Gosford RSL proved to be a particularly intricate and rewarding endeavor for Broad Windows and Façades Sydney Pty Ltd.

“Our primary focus for the Gosford RSL was gyprock, wall and ceiling framing,” said Managing Director, Jiawei Lin. “However, what set this project apart was the intricate and advanced designs specified by the architect and client. Each area and floor required unique effects, challenging us to deliver precision and perfection in our work.”

To overcome this dilemma, the team collaborated closely with North Construction & Building's on-site management team, ensuring that every curved wall and spiral stair was meticulously constructed to bring the architect's vision to life.

“The project is filled with highlights that showcase the skill and craftsmanship of our team. The spiral stair, in particular, stands out as a testament to our ability to execute complex designs with precision,” said Lin.

“Additionally, the Level 1 kids area and function room are not only aesthetically pleasing but also functional and practical.”

Broad specialises in linings subcontract work, including gyprock, cladding, and windows installation. Based in Sydney, the company's services extend to the northwest of New South Wales, with projects reaching as far as Broken Hill. With a commitment to quality and precision, Broad Windows and Façades has earned a reputation for excellence in the construction industry.

“As Managing Director, I've had the privilege of overseeing a project that pushed the boundaries of our capabilities and showcased our commitment to excellence in construction,” said Lin. “I am incredibly proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to taking on the next challenge with confidence and determination.”

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