

Ipswich Performing Arts Centre

Proponent: Ipswich City Council

Project Description

The proposed concept is for the Ipswich Performing Arts Centre (IPAC) to be a key part of a cultural entertainment precinct within the Ipswich City Centre. IPAC is required to meet the cultural and entertainment needs of the people of the region, now and in the future.

The proposed concept design includes a 1,200 to 1,500 seat main auditorium, a 400 to 600 seat secondary auditorium, a 500 seat function facility and ancillary areas for conferences, kitchen, recording studio, rehearsal spaces and selected retail outlets.

The space will be used for the performing arts, conferences, exhibitions, functions and events.

The cultural entertainment precinct will consist of a combination of arts, cultural, entertainment, retail, commercial and accommodation options and thus be a sustainable development. The precinct will provide the Community with a viable cultural and arts offering.

Benefits to the Region

Value to regional economy – IPAC will provide a boost to the regional economy, particularly bar, café, retail, accommodation businesses and cultural tourism, by attracting patrons to the region. The extra level of expenditure by patrons is estimated at \$1.1m per annum.

Increased employment in region – IPAC will provide a boost to employment both during construction and ongoing, particularly bar, café and retail businesses. IPAC will increase employment by 780 jobs during construction with an additional 40 staff when it is operating.

Value to patrons

IPAC will attract critically acclaimed shows and star performances from

far and wide and provide a purpose built larger facility. Increased revenue to the economy is estimated to be \$6.4m per annum.

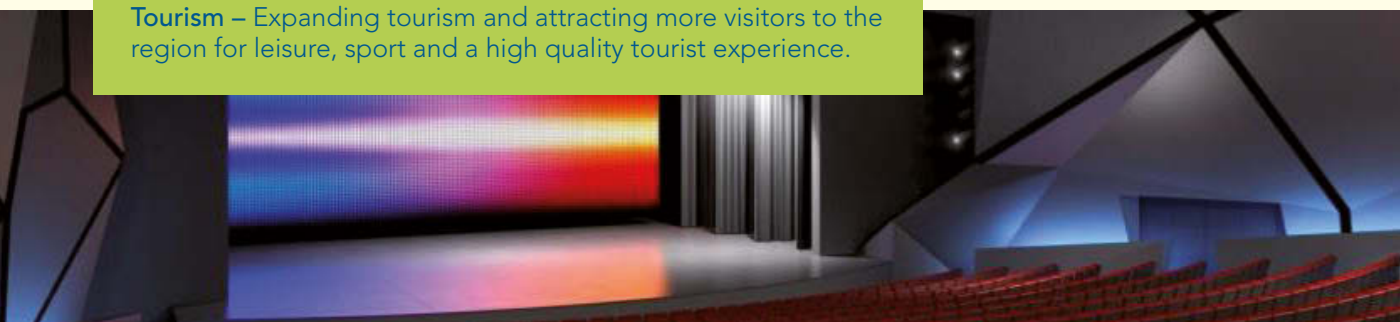
The benefits to the Community will be through:

- ◆ Developing a functional cultural precinct
- ◆ Regeneration
- ◆ Stimulus for economic growth
- ◆ Community cohesion
- ◆ Creating a strong positive identity
- ◆ Bringing diverse cultures together
- ◆ Empowering creative communities
- ◆ Showcasing regional artistic expression
- ◆ Harnessing leadership

IMPACT	CONSTRUCTION	OPERATIONS	TOTAL
Direct – IPAC	300	13	313
Indirect – Regional	480	27	507
Total	780	40	820

RDAIWM Key Economic Theme

Tourism – Expanding tourism and attracting more visitors to the region for leisure, sport and a high quality tourist experience.





Cost of the Project

\$90m

Job Creation – 820 Jobs.

Time Frame

Detailed Design & Tender 1 year.
Construction & Commissioning 2 years.

Fast Facts – Ipswich Region

Population growth – Ipswich is one of Australia’s major regional centres and is projected to be the fastest growing LGA in Queensland.

The population is forecasted to increase by 4.6% p.a. on average, to nearly triple its population from 180,000 in 2014 to 442,000 in 2031.

IPAC will help revitalise the City Centre and underpin the Centre’s role as the Principal Regional Activity Centre for the Western Corridor of the South East Queensland.

Who are RDA Ipswich & West Moreton?

Regional Development Australia is a partnership between the Australian, State and Local Governments, to strengthen and sustain regional communities. Members of the committee come from across the four local government areas of Ipswich, Somerset, Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim, with Council representatives and regional volunteers having extensive networks,

knowledge and experience in regional development and services.

With this base, RDA Ipswich & West Moreton seeks to achieve a vision that supports the desires and aspirations of the various communities in the region while recognising that our future is intricately linked to the wider South East Queensland (SEQ).

“In 2024 the Ipswich & West Moreton region has been able to successfully negotiate a balance between protection of natural assets and facilitating economic growth.”

Key Partners

- ◆ Australian Government
- ◆ Queensland Government
- ◆ Ipswich City Council



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