



Batemans Bay Performance and Exhibition Centre  
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Hello to all PerfEx members

[www.perfex.org.au](http://www.perfex.org.au)

Yes, we're launched! If you didn't catch it in the Bay Post, (it was a tiny article unfortunately), you may be unaware of this momentous piece of news! We're very proud of the site, so please check it out. We can also now be contacted on [info@perfex.org.au](mailto:info@perfex.org.au). The web builder was a very obliging and talented young man from Sydney, Max Carpenter (maxshmax). Max was also responsible for the sites for St Cecilia Music Scholarships and The South Coast Music Society.



### SUNSET COMMITTEE

#### Introduction

Since our last Newsletter in late July the main event has been the meeting of the Batemans Bay Reference Group at Catalina on Thursday 23 September. This is covered below.

#### Hanging Rock

Unfortunately the Council did not receive the Commonwealth grant of \$2m that it had applied for in July to build the new Community facility at Hanging Rock.

However it still has the intention of constructing that facility and selling the land it owns at the current Community Centre location to provide some capital.

#### VAPAC

VAPAC, the Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres, has produced a document which provides guidelines and benchmarks for all aspects of a Theatre's facilities. It was originally published in 1999 and a revised version issued in 2006.

The PerfEx committee decided to purchase a copy and it has proved to be invaluable input to PerfEx's views on what will be needed as a minimum for a Performance Centre in Batemans Bay.

#### Reference Group

The intention of a Reference Group of Arts and Craft practitioners getting together was for the consultant currently employed by the Council, Evol McLeod, to better understand the needs of our community. The Batemans Bay meeting was held in the evening, with Evol and Council staff having already conducted similar meetings that day in Narooma and Moruya. It was chaired by the Director of Community Wellbeing, Peter McLaughlin, and facilitated by Evol.

The Reference Group included representatives of the Bay Theatre Players, the Batemans Bay Arts and Crafts Society, the Stepz Dance Academy, the Koori community, individual artists and musicians, the Batemans Bay Chamber of Commerce, Wollongong University and of course PerfEx (PerfEx had provided Monika McInerney, the Council's Cultural Officer, with a list of names representing the range of relevant arts activities).

There was plenty of discussion of the facilities required for the Arts Centre and the likely size required for each, as well as the recognition by the Commonwealth and State Governments that Batemans Bay is considered a Major Regional Centre between Nowra and Bega. (We are unable to give more detail as the Terms of Reference for the Committee demand confidentiality).

However, based on these discussions, Evol will now prepare her set of recommendations. These will be put before a Sunset Committee meeting later this month or early in November. The Sunset Committee will then put forward a report and its recommendations to Council for consideration before Christmas.

As stated in the last newsletter the Council is employing an architecture consultant to develop a Master Plan for Hanging Rock including the Arts Centre, Community Centre and additions to the Wollongong University and CIT campuses and the library. This will be completed by mid 2011.



## BATEMANS BAY ARTS AND CRAFTS SOCIETY

Since the Reference Group Meeting was held the President of the Batemans Bay Arts and Crafts Society, who was present at that meeting, has invited its members to a meeting to discuss a proposal that the Society acquire some land from a developer and build a gallery and workshop building itself (we got to know about this because Jan Harding, Dave's wife, and Bob Kolderie, our Treasurer are members of the society).

It has to be said that this came as a compete shock to us. The society has been associated with PerfEx from the outset, has made donations to us from their meeting raffles and, until this point in time, has been supporting wholeheartedly the proposal for exhibition and workshop space in the Arts Centre.

PerfEx has written a letter to the Society expressing its disappointment at the proposal.

### "CABARET"

On 15<sup>th</sup> October PerfEx is organising a fund raiser in conjunction with the Bay Theatre Players. The company is performing the musical "Cabaret" originally produced on Broadway in 1966 and then made into a film in 1972.

PerfEx is putting on the pre-show drinks and nibbles at 7 pm with the performance starting at 8 pm and there will also be a raffle and lucky seat prizes. It should be a fun night!

Tickets are just about gone, but if you are interested and have not got a ticket please contact one of the Committee.



### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

There are a few members who have not renewed for this 2010-11 year, so this is a reminder that these were due at the beginning of July. Admittedly we were a few weeks late sending out the renewals this year, so apologies for this. We do email members who have email addresses to save on postage and time, but since then, we have also sent mail out reminders.

If you have misplaced your renewal form these can be downloaded from the website, or please let us know if you did not receive one and we'll double check that your contact details are up to date. We are totally grateful for your support and always welcome new supporters to the cause.



### UPDATE ON PETER BOYS

We're thrilled to report that Peter's now at home and has been for some weeks. There's still a long road ahead, but he's gaining strength all the time, which is fantastic news!

I know quite a few of you are coming to 'Cabaret', so it'll be great to catch up, but in the meantime, all good wishes from the PerfEx team.

Jean & Dave

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