

# Almost complete but working on to a March finish

**After months of work, the building site that will be Dubbo City Council's \$18.5m Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) is due to be 'locked-up' at the end of November.**

For local residents surrounding the new facility, the following information will be helpful. The facility is 80 per cent complete and although there are still deliveries to come via Carrington Avenue, this activity will not involve road closures.

Carrington Avenue should be repaired by Country Energy by the end of November and at the front of the building on Darling Street there will be a lot of work up until March, removing the existing forecourt and replacing it. During this phase, parking on Darling Street may be restricted in front of the Theatre and Convention Centre and half of the footpath will be fenced off.

After Christmas and into the New Year there will be substantial noise coming from the building as approximately 40 trucks remove rubble and transport it away. A similar number of vehicles will also deliver road base and concrete to the site.

The GOOD NEWS...at the end of March all building work is expected to be complete and commissioning will begin. Mayor Allan Smith said although the locking up at the end of the month was symbolic, it was a pointer that the DRTCC opening was on track for mid-April.



*Dubbo Mayor Allan Smith and Theatre and Convention Centre Manager Alan Youngson prepare to 'lock up' the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre.*

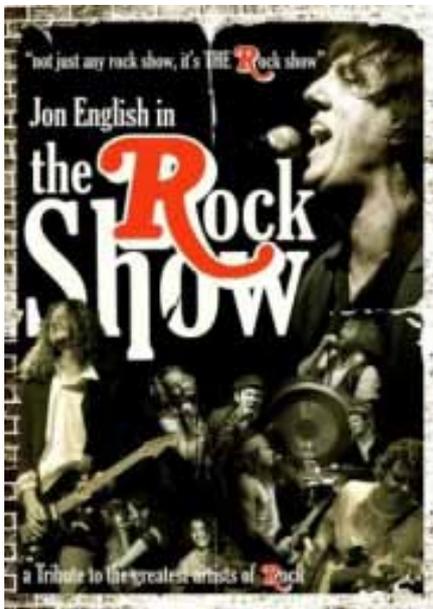
"It's not difficult to single out features which impress, for example when you enter the theatre, the foyer has a great feel and ambience to it," Cr Smith said.

"The stage area, which is now taking real shape, will be the equal of any regional theatre in the country, with ultra-modern sound, acoustics and computer-managed lighting equipment to handle most types of entertainment from rock shows to drama and dance.

"As ratepayers will see when the DRTCC is

open, this is not your normal building and the tradespeople who have worked on the project have gained great experience.

"Labour has been 90 per cent local with only a few specialist tradesmen being brought in, and by the end of the project an estimated \$7.5m in wages will have come into the City," Cr Smith said. "The material purchased in Dubbo over the life of the project is expected to be \$3.5m and the whole project has been Council's economic stimulus, to benefit the community for decades."



## Entertainment smorgasbord

### Get on board and subscribe

The new Dubbo Regional Theatre and Convention Centre (DRTCC) is set for an outstanding series of shows next year and yes! there will be something for everyone.

DRTCC Manager Alan Youngson is using his 30 years' performing arts industry experience and Australia-wide network to finalise the 2010 Season of Shows which will inaugurate the Centre.

The details of the shows were being kept under wraps until the launch of the subscription season in late November but on any given day, or night, you could have Jon English rockin' the theatre – other popular concerts – comedy raising laughs – musical theatre – plays and dance – orchestral ... the best entertainment on the touring show circuit.

Mr Youngson said although the DRTCC was still a 'work in progress,' it was best to get in early and obtain the best seats at the best price.

"By becoming a Season Subscriber, you can make a saving on the normal individual ticket price; you only need to purchase a minimum of three shows during 2010 to gain a substantial saving," he said.

"Subscriptions also make the perfect gift with Christmas coming up or for a birthday or special occasion. It would also be something special to be a subscriber in the DRTCC's first season of entertainment."

For a subscription form, you can phone Linda on 6801 4373. From 15 February 2010, individual or group tickets will be available for sale through a new web-based computerised ticketing system.

This will provide customers with the added convenience of being able to purchase tickets face-to-face, by telephone, mail or 24/7 by using the new on-line ticketing system through the soon-to-be launched DRTCC website.

## New face: Megan Hargreaves

DRTCC welcomes another member to the staff. Megan Hargreaves is the new Administration Bookings and Ticketing Officer. Megan was born in Echuca, Victoria and grew up in Albury. She has held positions as an acting functions/bookings manager for an international hotel group as well as marketing officer for an employment agency based on the Mid North Coast.

Megan is currently studying for a Bachelor of Business after previously completing a traineeship in Melbourne as a Graphic Artist – skills which complement her interests and experience in theatre, dance, design, marketing and communications.



## Logo chosen



In November Council resolved to accept a logo for the DRTCC. The striking image, created by Council's City Image staff, will feature on all marketing material to promote the complex and its shows and on the building's façade.

Prior to market testing, many variations were developed and considered before the design, with wording of Dubbo Regional Theatre Convention Centre, set at an angle of forty five degrees to represent the theatre's seating, was settled on. The decision was made after images were evaluated by community, arts and entertainment leaders across our region.

CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES

### October 2009

The construction crew was busy across the month of October, both internally and externally; traffic disruption around the site was kept to a minimum.

#### Dressing rooms

- Well on the way to completion with painting and tiling commenced. Ceiling underway 19 October.

#### Stage Area

- On the all-important stage, painting and Dimmer Room finished, acoustic door has been installed and stage stairs in operation.

#### Auditorium

- The Auditorium has been completed.

#### Basement

- Plant Room completed.
- Cleanout and rectification being carried out.

#### Foyer

- Framework complete for plasterboard installation.
- Plasterboard installation commenced 19 October.
- Ductwork complete.

#### Entrance

- Entrance doors installed.
- Entranceway commenced to Ticket Box.

#### External

- Back ramp poured 20 October.
- Front entrance poured.

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