



COOKS HILL
LIFE SAVING & SURF CLUB

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Work to Begin on New Surf Club at Bar Beach

Cooks Hill Life Saving & Surf Club is about to start construction on new clubhouse to bring facilities built in the 1930s into the 21st century.

The clubhouse designed by Webber Architects will be built in two stages, with work on Stage One to start next month (July 2016).

Club spokesman Marc Glanville said the entire project was expected to cost between four and five million dollars.

“Stage One will be built to the north of the existing clubhouse, which was originally built over 80 years ago for an all-male membership of around 150. We now have over 1,400 members and the existing facilities do not meet their needs.”

Marc pointed to the need to upgrade facilities and equipment to support the club’s disability access programs as a key factor in the decision to embark on the ambitious building.

“The old building limits our ability to serve the Newcastle and Hunter community in the way we would like.”

Lord Mayor Nuatali Nelmes says the project is a fantastic addition to the works being undertaken by Newcastle City Council as part of the coastal revitalisation project.

"Working with our community partners is the best way for us to fast-track the revitalisation of our coast line. We are focussed on improving the public domain by constructing the Bathers Way, viewing platforms, shade shelters and other infrastructure. With our surf clubs championing improvements at their facilities we are seeing the transformation of whole precincts."

Stage One works – between the old clubhouse and the beach inspector’s tower – will have female change rooms, storage and training rooms on the beach level, further storage and training facilities on the mid level, and a multi-purpose club room on the upper level.

Mars Building has been appointed to undertake the construction and the club is organising a major appeal for funds to complete Stage Two of the project, which includes demolition of the old clubhouse and a new building with change rooms, patrol and first aid rooms and craft storage on the beach level, a gym and storage on the mid level and a function room on the upper level.



After construction of Stages 1 and 2

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