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## Entertainment Centre Extension contract awarded

Council at its meeting in Ulladulla this week awarded the contract for the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre extensions to the Batemans Bay contractor Edwards Constructions (NSW) Pty Ltd.

The centre opened its doors in July 2008, and has been enjoying an increase in visitors to its performances and events ever since. This state of the art venue has provided a variety of entertainment options to the residents of Shoalhaven and is also attracting audiences from outside of the area.

The 300 square metre extensions include additional male and female toilets and baby change area. The foyer space will be enlarged to accommodate for full house numbers with an extra bar area with operable wall to allow for flexibility in room size.

The project has been fully funded under Council's adopted Operations and Management Plan 2010-2011 and a period of approximately 30 weeks has been identified as the project's duration.

Shoalhaven City Council Mayor Councillor Paul Green is pleased that the project is almost underway and looks forward to seeing the finished product. "We are very excited to see these extensions as the centre will be able to provide a bigger and better service and attract large events to the city".

The construction which is due to begin in the next fortnight will affect the eastern side of the building with some changed traffic flows in the front forecourt. This will not affect upcoming events with the next show being the musical comedy *Busting Out*.

Mr Green said "These new improvements will add to the existing benefits of having such a state of the art venue. We already support local employment and have alleviated long distance travel especially for our pensioners to quality productions. The centres forward program is still very full, and business will run as usual. We have systems in place to cope with large sell out shows and expect that the audiences will not be inconvenienced by the work in the foyer. "People will still be able to enjoy food and drink before the shows and the atmosphere will continue to be just as exciting as it is now."

For further information on upcoming events at the centre, please phone 1300 788 503 or visit [www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au](http://www.shoalhavenentertainment.com.au)

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