

THE TWYFORD MEDIA RELEASE – 14 MAY 2021 – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TWYFORD WINS MUSIC GRANT AS THEATRE NEARS COMPLETION

Construction at the site of Merimbula's new Theatre Twyford is effectively complete and work should soon start on services connections and commissioning, the Twyford Hall Inc Committee was advised this week. There was good news also for artists who will perform at the new venue.

Secretary John Beever said, "The Twyford has been told approval to connect services to the theatre should be received next week and when that and final building work is done, completion of fitout for theatre equipment can start."

"The Committee had wanted to start performances in August but now if all goes well with services connections, then commissioning the venue and training the people who will operate Theatre Twyford can hopefully be done in September."

"There have been some delivery interruptions for equipment due to COVID but the Committee is nonetheless very pleased with the building progress to date. We have to be patient for a little longer before we can open what will be a magnificent performing arts complex for our region."

"After more than a year of COVID cancellations and delays, we are all keen to get back to live performances, and our whole team is working hard to make that happen."

"On the positive side, The Twyford has been successful in its application for a \$30,000 grant from Live Music Australia – an Australian Government initiative – to stage twelve live original Australian music concerts featuring regional artists in 2021/2022."

"We are very grateful to LMA for enabling much-needed paid performance opportunities for regional artists, to bring the pleasure of live music back into our community."

"Our local community – individuals, families, businesses, clubs, and community groups – have the opportunity to contribute to the exciting future operations of this great community asset, by being part of our "buy a seat" campaign. The seats are now installed and we would love to reach our campaign target of \$200,000 by opening night."

Tax-deductible donations for the campaign can be made via GiveNow at https://www.givenow.com.au/twyford or by contacting Lis Shelley by email at info@thetwyford.com.au. Donations of \$1000 or more will be acknowledged with a seat plaque in the theatre, though any amount is of course welcome.



Photo Caption: The new Theatre Twyford will seat 199 patrons. (Supplied – Monarch Building Solutions)

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