

Brothers set to expand



An artist's impression of the Brothers Leagues Club's new sports bar, which will be part of a major redevelopment at the Manunda site.

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AN ICONIC not-for-profit sporting group has announced plans to expand its club, creating 150 local jobs in the process.

Brothers Leagues Club Cairns is expected to include a brand-new cafe and a new dedicated sports bar, and Lanterns Buffet Restaurant will also be refurbished.

The development was approved by Cairns Regional Council on Friday (October 15). Group general manager Shane Fitzgerald said the project should provide a boost to the region's economy.

"This redevelopment will be a further boost for our economy, while at the same time providing world-class social facilities for our 30,000 members to enjoy," he said.

The development was designed by Rubicon and will use local subcontractors.

"This was a key part of our brief to Rubicon and we expect this will be equivalent to 150 full-time jobs during construction, with a further 30 ongoing jobs created directly with Brothers once the project is complete," Mr Fitzgerald said.

"Since 2019, Brothers Leagues Club has contributed more than \$5m in support to local sport and the community."

The works will include a new cafe, which will be situated along the expanded Anderson St and English St corner.

The cafe will be called Fratelli's (brother in Italian) and is expected to offer a modern dining experience

with Mediterranean-inspired food, including pizzas and all-day grazing.

There will also be a new sports bar, which will have a big-screen video wall for racing and live sports and seating for punters who can use the state-of-the-art TAB facilities.

These upgrades are expected to start in October and finish in mid-2022.