

VELUX ADDS LIGHT
TO NEW SPORTS CENTRE...





DARK TIMES TURN BRIGHT...

Northern NSW is a quiet and peaceful part of Australia. But when the picturesque town of Maclean's sports centre had to give way to a retirement village, the community was up in arms.

A group of citizens organised a committee with the sole purpose of building a new sports centre. Through various fundraisers and generous donations – one anonymous lady donated \$30,000 – the committee managed to raise enough money to approach the Clarence Valley Council with plans.

The council accepted the challenge...and raised the stakes. Council money was put into the project and matched dollar for dollar by the Federal Government through the BER programme. The challenge of creating Maclean's new sports centre was presented to a local building designer...

34 VELUX FCM SKYLIGHTS
PROVIDE FREE DAYLIGHT
INSIDE THE NEW SPORTS
CENTRE.

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VELUX SKYLIGHTS LOOK GOOD FROM THE OUTSIDE AS WELL.



MACLEAN'S NEW SPORTS CENTRE WAS FOUNDED ON COMMUNITY INITIATIVE.



VELUX FCM SKYLIGHTS ARE DESIGNED TO LET LIGHT IN BUT KEEP HEAT OUT. EXACTLY WHAT YOU WANT IN A SPORTS CENTRE..

THE DESIGNER:

“68 VELUX SKYLIGHTS WAS THE PLAN...”

“Our aim with Maclean’s new sports centre was to combine functionality with energy efficiency and aesthetics,” says building designer Dave Brown.

“VELUX skylights were part of the plan from day one. I’ve used VELUX for residential buildings a number of times, always with an outstanding result. For the Maclean sports centre with big areas to be used at daytime, VELUX skylights were an obvious choice. They are designed to let light in and keep heat outside so they fit the bill both in terms of energy efficiency and aesthetics. As well as providing natural light at no cost, VELUX skylights make the inside of the building much more friendly and inviting. Artificial light is only needed at night time...and on the occasional rainy day.”

“When I heard the skylights might have to go in order to meet the budget, I couldn’t believe it. The building was designed for natural light and it would be false economy to leave them out: the council might save a bit of money initially, but over the years the VELUX skylights will pay for themselves many times over.”

BUILDING DESIGNER
DAVE BROWN, DJ BROWN
BUILDING DESIGN.

THE COUNCIL:

“CREATIVE THINKING SAVED 34 SKYLIGHTS...”

“The original quotes came in too expensive so we had to reduce the sports centre in size and leave out some features,” says Building Maintenance Coordinator James O’Hara, who project managed the new development.

“The original drawings had 68 VELUX skylights and at one point in time it looked like they all had to go. But knowing that the skylights would save energy and be an excellent long-term investment, we were able to access funds from our environmental section. These funds made it possible to include 34 VELUX skylights in the new sports centre.”

“Energy consumption is a large part of the running costs and it certainly won’t be less so in the future. We believe the council has an obligation to lead the community in terms of energy efficiency as well as aesthetics in our buildings. Of course we have to build to a price as well but with a bit of ingenuity we can meet all requirements. Maclean’s new sports centre is a great example of this philosophy.”

BUILDING MAINTENANCE
COORDINATOR JAMES O’HARA,
CLARENCE VALLEY COUNCIL.





A WINNER WITH THE LOCALS...

Maclean's new sports centre was a success from day one.

"We live in a sports-mad area," says James O'Hara, "and the new sports centre has been very well received. Together with our facility at Yamba 15 km away it pretty much covers all indoor sports: cricket, futsal, basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton, squash, martial arts, dance...you name it, we have it."

"The users appreciate the bright and airy interior which is achieved mainly by the use of VELUX skylights. The exterior has struck a chord with the locals as well. The closest neighbour is a retirement village and initially they were quite concerned because they thought we would ruin their view with a big square box of a building. They like the look of the new sports centre, including the VELUX skylights which locals agree enhance the design by breaking up the big roof plane."

"I firmly believe every modern building could and should have everything: street appeal, functionality and sustainability," adds Dave Brown. "It can always be achieved, sometimes you just have to work a bit harder to get there."

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MACLEAN'S NEW SPORTS CENTRE HAS STREET APPEAL.



VELUX SKYLIGHTS CREATE LIGHT AND SPACE INSIDE.

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