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## New range of Merchandise hits the shelves!!

The new range of merchandise is now available for sale through the Slim Dusty Centre website, ebay or by contacting the Slim Dusty Foundation with your order.

Men's and ladies Singlets, Polos, Pens, Hat Pins, T-Shirts, DVD's, Videos, Publicity Shots, Stubbie Coolers, plus a wide variety of CD's are now available.



Assorted colours and sizes available in the clothing range  
See our specials online at [www.slimdustycentre.com.au](http://www.slimdustycentre.com.au)

## Tamworth Festival another great success!!



The Slim Dusty Foundation girls travelled to Tamworth again this year to sell merchandise for the 10 day long festival. With travelers from all over the world attending the TCMF it was also a good chance to show our new brochure and to talk to everyone on the progress of the Slim Dusty Centre.

We would also like to send a huge thankyou to our team of volunteers, Richard Mohr, Don Moy and Neil & Margaret Burke as without them, we would not be able to man the stall for the 10 day event.

Kathryn Yarnold, Brenda Hyde, Max Ellis  
Director of the Board and Tracey Parker in Tamworth.

## Looking Forward To Slim Success

The long term sustainability of the Slim Dusty Centre was discussed at a series of meetings last week. Stakeholders including members of the Advisory Committee and consultancy group for the centre all toured the project site.

Slim Dusty Foundation CEO Kathryn Yarnold showed consultants The Stafford Group and stakeholder representatives from the council, Industry and Investment and Regional Development Australia (RDA) through the centre. Ms Yarnold said everyone seemed impressed by the building and its location. " Particularly the flexibility of the multifunction areas and spaces, which will undoubtedly add to the future benefits that will flow to the area," she said.

"As Slim Dusty Foundation team members, but especially locals, we felt really proud to show them Kempsey's latest asset." The multi-million dollar centre is being built on the Pacific Hwy at South Kempsey by local company Lahey Constructions.

It will be a living museum celebrating the life of Slim Dusty and showcasing memorabilia collected by Slim and his wife Joy from all over Australia.

RDA Mid North Coast executive officer Peter Tregilgas said he was pleased with the progress of the centre. "From the RDA perspective the Slim Dusty Centre will be a significant cultural and tourism asset for the region and the Mid North Coast," he said. " We look forward to the next stage of operation development to ensure its success."

The consultancy group will also be looking at various types of community consultations.

"We addressed plans from now until opening and the first three to five years of operation," Ms Yarnold said. " The exterior of the building is on track to be completed by the end of this month." The centre will also include a café, meeting and seminar space and a gallery for travelling exhibitions.



Advisory Group; left to right, Liz Campbell Deputy Mayor Kempsey, Peter Tregilgas EO Regional Development Australia, Kathryn Yarnold CEO Slim Dusty Foundation, Renee Hawkins KAW/DEEWR, David Rawlings GM Kempsey Shire Council, Kevin Farrowell Director Slim Dusty Foundation, Albert Stafford Consultant The Stafford Group, Paul Gould Project Accountant Slim Dusty Foundation, Phil Kearny Consultant ,The Stafford Group & Bill Mabey Industry and Investment..

(Story and pictures courtesy of Jarrod Lipscombe, Macleay Argus Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 11, 2011)

## Opening of the Centre Update

Whilst the Slim Dusty Centre exterior building is nearly complete, the construction and installation of the internal exhibitions will commence later this year. The estimated timeframe for this stage of the internal fitout, along with enhanced funding opportunities in 2011, will direct the likelihood of an opening date to be announced for 2012.

**STAY TUNED TO OUR WEBSITE NEWS PAGE FOR ONGOING PROGRESS UPDATES!!**



Front on view of the Centre



Internal walls in place



Carpark

We would encourage anyone who has some spare time to call in to the SDF office in the Clyde St Mall in Kempsey or phone Brenda on (02) 6562 6533 to register as an official volunteer and join us at other exciting events!!

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