



## FLOOD RELIEF

**After the monsoonal flood event in North Queensland in January 2019, the Townsville Turf Club sustained substantial damage and was required to be completely reconstructed.**

With the process requiring the buildings to be stripped back to the shell, Paynters were commissioned to design and construct the new facility.

“The club is located on the outskirts of Townsville in Cluden and was completely inundated with flood waters coupled with water ingress from above,” said Insurance Director, James Aitken. “In consultation with all stakeholders we commenced the emergency make safe works whilst concurrently developing the overall Strategy in the redevelopment of the facility”.

To reduce the impact of the business interruption we staged the works to enable the club to continue trade. We created temporary facilities for the jockey’s and stewards utilising relocatable demountable buildings and provided assistance to the club for race days and functions providing marquees to house the patrons.

“The project was completed over several stages and enabled us to have a staged handover to further reduce the impact to the club’s operation”. Mr Aitken said.

The new design has given the club a fresh, vibrant and modern look. Creating an entirely new members precinct for the club, including a new public sports bar, members’ lounge, lawn and restaurant. The works also included refurbishment of the heritage listed buildings including the members grandstand and the iconic public grandstand.

**“The client is really happy with the space. It’s just opened it all up so that you’ve always got that beautiful entire view of the track. It’s given it a whole new lease on life. It’s a beautiful club.”**



For Paynters, the project is one of a growing number of jobs that combine the industries in which they work.

“This particular project was a cross pollination between our hospitality and insurance sectors, which we’re seeing a lot more of in our business at the moment. We are working with clients to diversify their facilities and execute their vision with precision!” Mr Aitken said.

Mr Aitken said they have just begun another design and construction project on the fire-damaged Cudgen Leagues Club in Kingscliff.

### **Club Mooloolaba**

Late last year Paynters completed fire restoration works at Mooloolaba Bowls Club, now known as Club Mooloolaba.

Their in-house interior design team worked together with the preconstruction team to design a stylish and sophisticated club. During delivery of the works, Paynters set up a temporary gaming area so that the club could maintain trading.

A full roof replacement was completed, removing the tiled roof and replacing it with metal sheeting. This allowed the internal ceiling lines to be raised. In addition, Paynters worked with the club to redesign the floor plan, incorporating 16 extra gaming machines and a new 68m<sup>2</sup> glazed seating area to view the bowling lawn.