



Airpark plans moving ahead

Kenny consortium to submit proposal

A HIGH-PROFILE consortium including former Olympian Grant Kenny has been given the green light to submit a detailed proposal on its plans to purchase and redevelop the Evans Head Aerodrome.

It wants to turn the site into an industrial aviation hub, with a residential component and a museum.

The Evans Head Airpark proposal includes developing at least 60 exclusive homes with direct access to flying facilities, as well as an industrial complex attracting aviation-linked businesses to the area.

Mr Kenny, who co-owns the Cur-

ry-Kenny Aviation Group, Australia's largest privately-owned aviation fleet, has pledged to establish a business on site, providing a crucial drawcard for other services.

Evans Head Airpark Pty Ltd was one of three companies to respond to an advertisement from Richmond Valley Council for expressions of interest in developing the heritage-listed aerodrome into a residential airpark and aviation hub.

Mr Kenny said the consortium was thrilled the council had supported its submission.

"Our vision is to create a thriving

aviation community by providing commercial and residential opportunities in the one spot, and all just 400 metres from some of the best beaches on the east coast," he said.

The consortium is headed by Waratah Coal chief executive Peter Lynch, and includes Red Bull air-race pilot Matt Hall and Sunshine Coast aircraft maintenance service proprietor Mark Radford.

"We think the redevelopment provides enormous opportunities for the aviation and tourism sectors and business generally," Mr Radford said



EX-OLYMPIAN Grant Kenny is part of the consortium proposing a major redevelopment of the aerodrome.

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