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## Cazalys Unveils Innovative Solar Shade Carpark, Paving the Way for a Greener Future in Cairns

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Cazalys, a trusted name in hospitality, is proud to announce the official opening of the Cazalys Solar Shade Car Park, a remarkable project that merges environmental responsibility with cutting-edge technology.

Located in the heart of Far North Queensland, Cazalys is setting a new standard for sustainable entertainment by providing a solar-shaded car park for its valued members and guests.

Opening Event Details: The official opening of the Cazalys Solar Shade Car Park will take place between 5:00 PM and 6:00 PM on 20th November.

The Cazalys Solar Shade Car Park is a significant initiative aligning perfectly with the community's desire for shaded parking. This project goes above and beyond, offering a multitude of benefits that truly set it apart.

Key features of the Cazalys Solar Shade Car Park include:

- 1. Energy Efficiency: By opting for solar panels instead of a traditional roof, Cazalys has not only provided much-needed shade but also reduced electricity costs by an estimated 31%. This environmentally friendly choice is expected to save the club the cost of a roof replacement every 20 years.
- 2. Impressive Solar Capacity: The solar array boasts a remarkable 637kW, equivalent to an estimated 96 6.6kw Australian home solar systems.

- 3. Innovative Bifacial Panels: The solar panels are bifacial, meaning they can harness energy from both sides, even reflecting sunlight from the ground to maximise energy generation. This technology not only increases efficiency but also enhances durability as both sides are UV resistant.
- 4. EV Charging Stations: In addition to the shade, Cazalys has installed four electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, allowing members to charge their electric vehicles while enjoying the club's facilities.
- 5. Renewed Infrastructure: The project also includes the resurfacing of the asphalt, garden enhancements, upgraded CCTV, and improved line marking.

The total investment reflects the club's commitment to both its members and the environment.

Cazalys is dedicated to reducing its carbon footprint and has partnered with a local Cairns company, Portagrid Electrical Pty Ltd, to install the solar array. This collaboration not only offers a sustainable energy solution but also supports the local community.

Mr. Jason Wale, General Manager at Cazalys, expressed his excitement about the project. "Cazalys is proud to be at the forefront of sustainable energy in Cairns. Our solar shade car park reflects our commitment to a greener, more sustainable future. We believe in leading by example, and this initiative is a testament to our dedication to environmental stewardship." Mr. Wale said.

The solar array will not only serve the club's energy needs but is expected to export power to the Cairns electricity network. This data will be displayed on a television screen installed in the main reception area, allowing members to witness the club's contribution to a more sustainable future.

Cazalys invites its members and the community to celebrate this significant milestone, marking a new era of environmentally conscious entertainment. Together, we can make a difference.

For further information or media enquiries, please contact Jason Wale 0400332240 or gm@cazalys.com.au.

About Cazalys: Cazalys is a leading entertainment venue in Cairns, offering its members and guests an exceptional range of facilities and services. Committed to environmental responsibility and innovation, Cazalys continues to set new standards in the hospitality industry. For more information, visit www.cazalys.com.au.