

## BEACHFRONT REVAMP

# 'Resort-oasis' planned to revive Scarborough



**Miami-style:** Developers of the proposed venue in Scarborough hope it will be a new start for the beachfront.

## ■ Yolanda Zaw

A multimillion-dollar resort-style venue with pools, cabanas and palm trees is proposed for Scarborough beachfront.

Owners of award-winning venue The Breakwater at Hillarys Boat Harbour are planning to redevelop the site on the lower level of the recently refurbished Rendezvous Hotel where the Lookout and Club A nightclubs were located.

The site has been vacant since the clubs closed about 10 years ago.

The proposed 2000sqm venue, the first of its kind in Perth, is

described as a Miami-style “resort-oasis” and will include a restaurant, dance floor and two big bars.

There will also be small ponds that patrons can sit near and decked and alfresco areas with high-end furnishings and greenery.

The application to redevelop the venue is with the director of liquor licensing.

Breakwater and Reid Group managing director Sean Reid said he hoped the venue would hail a new start for Scarborough’s beachfront.

He said that, if approved, it would open in time for the Australian Surf Lifesaving Championships next

year, when more than 80,000 people are expected at the beach.

“It is about time Scarborough had a world-class beachside venue that can cater to tourists, locals and people from all over Perth — we need to focus on the future rather than the past,” Mr Reid said.

“With the redevelopment of the Rendezvous Hotel almost finished and the State Government’s plans to revamp the beachfront, it’s the perfect time to open a venue like this.”

The Government pledged \$30 million to the Scarborough redevelopment in January after Premier

Colin Barnett called the beachfront “awful” and in need of a facelift.

The Reid Group application refers to Scarborough’s problems with antisocial behaviour and public drinking, saying the venue would help lift the reputation of the area with a sophisticated place to eat and drink.

Mr Reid said it was not intended merely as a place to buy liquor but a location where people could relax.

“Having a venue on the beachfront where people can enjoy a drink may result in less people drinking on the beach and in other public areas,” he said.