

Media release



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Thriving new community destined for Menangle Park

A major new land release for Menangle Park, in Sydney's south-west, will see the establishment of a well-connected, vibrant town with thousands of jobs close to homes.

The Department of Planning and Environment's Director for Regions, Steve Murray, said the 958-hectare land release would see the emergence of a well-supported new community founded with strategically planned infrastructure.

"This land release is the starting point for creating a vibrant new community in the booming Macarthur area," Mr Murray said

"It will be a well-connected town with a new access road, to be known as Spring Farm Parkway, that will link Menangle Park with surrounding areas. A total of \$115 million will be provided to build the road, with \$30 million of that coming via our Housing Acceleration Fund."

"There will also be improved bus services and the Menangle Park railway station has connections to Campbelltown, and then on to the Sydney CBD. There are also plans for new pedestrian links and cycleways to encourage healthy and active ways of getting around the town.

"With strong, well-designed infrastructure, this new land release will provide a terrific opportunity for young families and first home buyers to get into the housing market, and to make their home here in the Macarthur region.

"As well as good connectivity, the town can also look forward to an indoor sports centre, sporting fields, skate park, and a tennis court. There are also plans for a community health centre, long-day care centres, a library, and a fire station.

"It's a wonderful chance to have jobs close to where people live - there will be 5.8ha of retail space with a supermarket and shops and a 28-hectare industrial precinct, which combined will provide about 3,000 new jobs," Mr Murray said.

The main jobs will be in the industrial and retail sectors, as well as transport, storage, property and business services. There will also be work in health, education and construction sectors.

There will be a wide variety of different styles of houses to choose from with up to 3,400 low to medium density homes planned.

“To ensure the town is a great place to live, strict controls have been placed around protecting endangered vegetation, and new trees will be planted with every home built. This will go a long way towards expanding the green canopy of Sydney,” Mr Murray said.

“It also means we can truly strike a balance between preserving and enhancing the environment, and providing new homes and community facilities.”

“There will be large areas of open space with indigenous archaeology and European historic features too.”

The rezoning proposal protects biodiversity, while the Campbelltown City Council has a site-specific development control plan to help guide the development of the site. It includes guidelines for residential subdivision and development, open space and landscaping, and the protection of important vegetation, heritage and key views.

The next step involves the submission of development applications for the residential subdivision and development of the site. Community feedback will be sought as part of this process.

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