

Macquarie University Station Precinct

What is the Macquarie University Station Precinct?

- ▶ The Macquarie University Station Precinct (also known as the Herring Road Precinct) is located within the City of Ryde and includes Macquarie Shopping Centre and Macquarie University.
- ▶ The proximity to these services, good open space, bus services, the Epping to Chatswood Rail Line, M2 and the future Sydney Metro Northwest, means it is a good location for new open spaces, shops, cafes, education facilities, jobs and homes.
- ▶ In 2012, Ryde Council nominated the Macquarie University Station area as a Priority Precinct, and this was endorsed by the NSW Government.
- ▶ The Government will provide \$5 million in funding to the City of Ryde for new infrastructure for the precinct. The City of Ryde has chosen for this funding to go toward improvements to the Shrimptons Creek corridor and Wilga Park and Elouera Reserve. Upgrading the existing open space within the precinct will support new development and improve opportunities for outdoor recreation and amenity.
- ▶ In July and August 2014, plans for the precinct were placed on exhibition for community comment.

What is being planned for the Macquarie University Station Precinct?

- ▶ The plans will revitalise the Herring Road Precinct and make it a more vibrant place for both existing and future residents.
- ▶ Planning work has identified opportunities for new recreational areas, shops, businesses and education facilities, as well as the potential for up to 5,800 new homes by 2031 that are within a ten minute walk from Macquarie University Station.
- ▶ The plans include landscaping of Herring Road to make it a more attractive pedestrian thoroughfare, new connecting streets, footpaths and cycle ways, as well as new and improved parks, creek corridors and public spaces.
- ▶ To see the Finalisation Report, visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/herringroad.

What changes have been made to the plans for the Macquarie University Station Precinct?

- ▶ During the exhibition, the community identified a number of issues including traffic congestion and car parking, public transport, infrastructure, the road network, and impacts on the Ivanhoe Housing Estate and on the local area.
- ▶ A number of changes have been made as a result of this feedback:
 - potential locations for up to four new parks have been identified
 - changes have been made to the proposed road network to make it easier to move around
 - requirement for Macquarie Shopping Centre and Macquarie University to make provisions for any future upgrades of the bus interchange before residential development proceeds on these sites
 - extension of the 120m height limit on the Macquarie Shopping Centre by 30m towards Talavera Road to deal with practical issues associated with building above the existing shopping centre
 - reduction of the height limit along Balaclava Road at the Baptist Care Willandra Village to 45m.
- ▶ To see the report on issues and responses to the exhibition visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/herringroad.

How will the NSW Government's infrastructure fund be spent?

- ▶ The community were consulted on a number of proposals that could be funded under the \$5 million infrastructure commitment. The City of Ryde has chosen for the funds to be spent on improvements to the Shrimptons Creek corridor and Wilga Reserve and Elouera Reserve to create nice spaces for people to walk and cycle.
- ▶ The Department and the City of Ryde Council will now work together to finalise the funding agreement and a timetable for the delivery of the works.

Further Information

For further information contact the Information Centre on **1300 305 695**.

How does this affect Ivanhoe Housing Estate?

- ▶ The NSW Government will redevelop Ivanhoe Estate, transforming 259 existing social housing dwellings into a neighbourhood with at least 556 social housing dwellings.
- ▶ The estate will also include 128 new affordable housing dwellings.
- ▶ Current tenants who wish to return once this work finishes can do so, provided a new dwelling suited to their needs is available and they meet the eligibility criteria.
- ▶ The work will be staggered to allow existing residents to move out of the estate over a period of time.

What community consultation occurred for the Macquarie University Station Precinct?

- ▶ The precinct proposal was on exhibition for six weeks in July and August 2014. Three community information sessions were held, including one for Ivanhoe Estate residents.
- ▶ 80 submissions were received, along with 120 online survey responses and a petition with 175 names.

When will development occur?

- ▶ Development will be staged over the next 10 to 20 years, and upgrades to public transport and infrastructure will be provided as development progresses and new jobs and services are created.
- ▶ There will be further opportunities for community consultation as development proposals proceed.

What is happening at nearby Macquarie Park?

- ▶ The Department is working with the City of Ryde to investigate future opportunities to revitalise Macquarie Park. The investigation will look into enhancing the area's existing role as a major commercial centre, with the addition of housing, shops and restaurants within walking distance of three train stations.



More Information

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