

Green light for Bunnings at prime site in Springfield Central

BUNNINGS Warehouse has been given the green light to begin work on a new store on a prime site in Springfield Central.

It follows recent council approval of stages two and three of Orion Springfield Central which included new cinemas, Target and a Coles supermarket.

Planning and Development Committee chairman Cr Paul Tully said Bunnings had been given the approval to proceed.

"Coming in at nearly 16,000sq m, compared with the 12,000sq m Masters store nearby, it will be one of the largest retail developments in Springfield Central," Cr Tully said. "The site of the new warehouse is bounded by the Centenary Hwy, Southern Cross Circuit, Main St and Sinnathamby Boulevard.

"Bunnings new Springfield Central store will include a retail warehouse, timber and trade supplies, garden centre, on-site cafe and a charitable fundraising and community service barbecue area."

He said this latest approval of another major development in Springfield Central would be a real boon for the economy.

"Construction will bring an immediate boost to jobs and is expected to offer on-the-job training opportunities and other full time and casual positions," he said.

"Ipswich's population is expected to more than double in the next 20 years, and the suburbs of Springfield Lakes, Springfield Central, Brookwater, Augustine Heights and Spring Mountain will play a key role in accommodating new residents. This latest development by Bunnings is vote of confidence in the future of Ipswich and provides real choice for consumers in the hardware and home improvement retail sector."