

More Cranes, more gains



GE Australia State Headquarters under construction (above) and artist impression of the building (right) to open later this year.

The number of cranes filling the Greater Springfield skyline is a good indicator of the healthy economic growth in the emerging city.

In May, a new crane appeared above the University of Southern Queensland's campus in the Springfield Central CBD, as the university expands its facilities.

Mirvac's nearby expansion of the Orion Springfield Central shopping and retail precinct is about to grow its own set of cranes. Meanwhile Kane Constructions is employing a massive lifter, to build GE Australia's state of the art Queensland headquarters. The five-storey building will open later this year. "One of the major differences you see with cranes here in Greater Springfield is that they are engaged in building commercial space rather than just domestic high-rise," said Springfield Land Corporation managing director Raynuha Sinnathamby.

"That's because we are doing a pretty good job of growing jobs here as well as housing."

Over the next two months, Mater Health Services will also contribute to the crane index as Stage 1 of its private hospital takes shape in Health City, a world-class health and wellness precinct.