

# Health centre's fresh approach

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THE people of Greater Springfield are set to receive a major boost in services when Woolworths and Mater Health Services open an innovative shopping and medical facility later this year.

Springfield Land Corporation marketing and communications director Naren Sinnathamby said the two-storey complex would include a 4000sq m Woolworths supermarket and six to eight retail shops.

The medical precinct will allow the Greater Springfield region to deliver a holistic health service to the local community, Mater Health Services CEO Dr John O'Donnell said.

He said it would be a one stop health shop and would allow Mater private specialists to practice in the medical suites alongside a range of complementary health service providers including Mater pharmacy, pathology, physiotherapy, podiatry, dentistry and x-ray.

Mr Sinnathamby said the array of services were much needed in the area.

"They will service areas like Brookwater and Springfield, Springfield Lakes and the Greater Springfield area," he said.

"It is going to be a two-storey building with Woolworths and Mater as the anchor tenants.

"Woolworths has a leasing arm that is negotiating with some tenants. But knowing Woolworths, they will do a fantastic job of getting the right mix. I believe Woolworths are targeting an opening date of November, and seeing how the construction process has been so efficient over the last few months I'm sure they will meet their target."

Woolworths development manager Chris Sheehan said his company was proud to be partnering with Mater Health Services and Springfield.

"We often tailor developments to meet needs of individual communities, but to include important medical services makes this development unique and something we are very proud to be a part of.

"Woolworths is looking to be open by the end of the year and we are looking forward to being part of a facility that provides a great service for the local community."