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Welcome to the fifth edition of the talkStMarys Newsletter.

With construction due to begin in the coming weeks, the last few months have seen some significant steps being made on the St Marys project. This newsletter will provide you with the latest news from the project and we thank you for your continued interest.

St Marys 'Skilling and Employment Centre' seeks manager

A new Skilling and Employment Centre to assist in the co-ordination and creation of more than 5,000 local jobs is a step closer to opening with the recruitment commencing for a manager to spearhead the development and operation of the centre.

The centre will bring together local job seekers and employers by coordinating vocational training to address skills shortages identified in the local labour market, particularly in the trades and services industries.

Due to open in early next year, the centre is the first of its kind for a Delfin Lend Lease project in Australia.

In addition to the 8,600 construction jobs required during the development phase of the St Marys project, more than 5,000 new jobs will be created on and around the site. The centre will initially focus on training and sourcing employees to meet demand for more than 30 construction industry trades that will be working on the site.

St Marys Development Manager Judith Field said the Skilling and Employment Centre would liaise with builder partners, the Housing Industry Association, TAFE and other local training and employment service providers to ensure that the needs of employers were aligned with the services offered so the training leads to job outcomes.

"Essentially, the centre will act as an intermediary between job seekers and employers looking for employees who have the skills to immediately commence work. The Skilling and Employment Centre will streamline the process for employers by concentrating training opportunities for local applicants," she said.

GROW commends job creation at St Marys Project



GROW Employment Council is Sydney's Area Consultative Committee and helps local communities to manage change at the local level and to plan for, and lead, their own development.

GROW recognises the importance of people having jobs and is now extending its focus beyond employment to regional development to secure and sustain this long term goal for the regions of Sydney.

GROW is pleased to have been involved with Lend Lease in the St Marys Employment Development Strategy. In the planning for the Denheved Employment Land Precinct, Lend Lease is demonstrating their proactivity in encouraging employment growth to support this region. They are setting clear goals and actively encouraging businesses to become engaged in the region, by encouraging local employers to grow and attracting new businesses that will complement existing business in the area.

Lend Lease is specifically incorporating strategies which will make employment accessible to existing and new residents in the St Marys, Mt Druitt and the new residential development on the former ADI site.

GROW Employment Council commends Lend Lease on their efforts to improve local access to local employment as this dovetails in nicely with GROW's own Strategic Regional Plan goal of growing industry and enterprise development to increase regional economic activity and creation of jobs. This is an excellent example of business Partnering with the community and government to help grow the region.

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Project Update

Construction work on the first precinct of Delfin Lend Lease's St Marys Project is set to begin over the coming weeks.

The Eastern Precinct which covers an area of 132ha will ultimately accommodate 1,800 homes.

The 1,545-hectare St Marys development will eventually include up to 5,000 homes located within three distinct villages bordered by an 850-hectare Regional Park.

Project Director Arthur Ilias said it was exciting that the project was now at the stage where construction was about to commence.

"We've moved into a new and dynamic phase of the project," he said.

"The St Marys project will meet the needs of the local community. Historically, across Delfin Lend Lease's projects throughout Australia, over 80% of buyers come from within a 10km radius of the site. We expect the same pattern to occur here at St Marys."

The first residential blocks are expected to go on sale early next year.

Bush Doctor treats St Marys site for noxious weeds

Delfin Lend Lease has enlisted the help of specialist environmental contractor, the Bush Doctor (NSW) Pty Ltd, to remove noxious weeds and rehabilitate native vegetation on its St Marys project.

Over an eight-week period, a six-person team from the Bush Doctor will identify and remove weeds in the planned open spaces within the Eastern Precinct, in particular along the banks of Ropes Creek.

On the target list are noxious weeds listed by the Blacktown City Council, including Small-leaf Privet, African Boxthorn and Blackberry, along with environmental weeds, such as Balloon Vine and Wandering Dew.

Bush Doctor Director Shane Grundy said weeds were a major recurring concern in the western Sydney region and sections of the planned open space need to be constantly monitored and managed.

"The removal of the weeds will stop their spread into the proposed Regional Park and will provide room for native plant communities to regenerate," he said.

The removal of the weeds is part of the comprehensive management process for the preservation of the site's open space areas. It is being carried out under licence from the Department of Environment and Conservation (National Parks and Wildlife).

Remediation Works – Eastern Portion of St Marys Property

Remediation work for a small portion of land at the eastern end of the St Marys site will commence within the next few weeks. This work will take approximately six weeks to complete. The work will be carried out in specific parts of the eastern area and will involve:

- Mowing vegetation on access tracks inside the proposed Regional Park (5ha) and outside the Park along boundary alignments totaling about 15 ha;
- Soil sampling and metal detectors will be used to detect possible remnant industrial contamination or munitions debris; and
- Soil will be transferred to landscape and re-vegetate a previously remediated 2.2 hectare area along the St Marys site boundary adjacent to Palmyra Avenue.

Successful completion of these works will then remove the restriction to the public and allow full access to the Regional Park when it is transferred to the Department of Environment and Conservation (subject to the Regional Park Plan of Management).

Any comments or enquiries about the works can be directed:

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Need More Information?

Keep an eye out in your letterbox for the next talkStMarys newsletter, which will provide you with more information about the project.

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