



Welcome to the sixth edition of the talkStMarys newsletter. This issue will focus on the creation of the Dunheved Employment Precinct and explain how you can receive information and provide feedback.

What is the Dunheved Employment Precinct?

The Dunheved Employment Precinct will be located next to the existing Dunheved industrial area. It is anticipated that up to 600 local jobs will be created on the 30-hectare site.

The next step in the planning process for the Dunheved Employment Precinct is the preparation of a Precinct Plan.

What will the Precinct Plan contain?

The Precinct Plan will provide a range of opportunities for both small and larger businesses to establish operations at Dunheved. It is expected that the precinct will attract firms such as light

industry and manufacturing that will complement and benefit existing businesses in the local area.

The Plan establishes a framework for development of the Dunheved Employment Precinct, including land uses, street types, access points and sustainability measures to ensure the creation of a viable new business area.

The Precinct Plan will also identify key areas such as environmental management, traffic and transport, storm water drainage and water cycle management.

The planning for the Dunheved Employment Precinct will be in keeping with the commitment to ensuring the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the St Marys project. Businesses locating to the new precinct will also need to meet these important objectives and will be subject to planning requirements of state agencies and local government authorities.

Creating Local Job Opportunities

The Precinct Plan is an important milestone in achieving the targets identified in the Employment Development Strategy for the St Marys project. These targets include the creation of more than 5,000 ongoing local jobs over the next 12 years in addition to 8,600 construction jobs during the development phase of the project.

Discussions have been held with local business organisations to develop initiatives that will specifically address employment issues in the St Marys area. These include:

- Targeted training for the local community to address skills needs of new industries
- Business start up support and mentoring
- Providing meeting facilities to encourage networking and learning opportunities
- Encouraging opportunities for small to medium business at Dunheved

Have your say about Dunheved

To ensure the Precinct Plan responds to the needs of residents and businesses in the region, information sessions for residents and local business organisations will begin in early 2005. These information sessions will assist us in developing a greater understanding of local issues and help us create a vibrant business precinct within Dunheved and the surrounding community.

A Community Information & Feedback Session will be held at the **Arthur Neave Memorial Hall, Parkes Ave, Werrington between 6.00 and 8.00pm on Wednesday 9 February**. The session will be very informal and provide you with the opportunity to ask the questions that are important to you.

The Dunheved consultant team including traffic, storm water drainage and water cycle management, employment development and environmental management experts will be present for the entire session to answer your questions.

Your feedback is important to us and will be used to help achieve the best possible outcome for the site. Your comments will be independently collated into a report and submitted with the Dunheved Precinct Plan to Blacktown and Penrith City Councils. Further opportunities for public comment will also be available during the Councils' exhibition of the Dunheved Precinct Plan.

If you cannot make it to the session, the information on display will be available on the talkStMarys website or contact us on 9673 8877 and we will send you an information kit.

We look forward to meeting you at the **Arthur Neave Memorial Hall on 9 February**.

Need More Information

For further information about the St Marys project please contact talkStMarys on 02 9673 8877 or go to www.talkStMarys.com.au

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