



Welcome to the latest edition of the talkStMarys newsletter. This issue looks at the draft Western and Central Precincts and outlines how you can receive more information and provide feedback.

What are the Western and Central Precincts?

The Western Precinct is located in the western part of St Marys project site adjacent to the Northern Road. It will contain a mix of residential, local retail and recreation land.

The Central Precinct is located between the Western and Dunheved Precincts, to the immediate north of the existing suburbs of Werrington Downs and Werrington County. It will contain a mix of employment, recreation and residential land.

The next step in the planning process for the Western and Central Precincts is the preparation of the Precinct Plans.

The Department of Planning is currently preparing an amendment to SREP30, which is the zoning plan that applies to the site. This amendment proposes to consolidate employment lands into the Central Precinct. The draft Precinct Plans reflect these proposed zoning changes on the site.

What will the Precinct Plans contain?

The Precinct Plans establish the framework for development of the Western and Central Precincts, including distribution of major land uses, street network and street types, open space provision, building height, form and density, and sustainability measures. The Precinct Plans will also identify key areas such as environmental management, traffic and transport, stormwater drainage and water cycle management.

It is expected that the employment lands proposed for the Central Precinct will attract firms such as light industry and manufacturing that will complement and benefit existing businesses in the local area.

The planning for Western and Central Precincts will be in keeping with the commitment to ensuring the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the St Marys project.

Providing Local Job Opportunities

The Precinct Plans are an important milestone in achieving the job targets identified in the Employment Development Strategy for the St Marys project. These targets include the facilitation of more than 5,000 ongoing local jobs over the next 12 - 15 years in addition to 8,600 construction jobs during the development phase of the project.

The Ropes Crossing Skilling and Employment Centre was established in April 2005 to assist job seekers in the local area to link with employment opportunities on and around the St Marys site. Initiatives of the Centre include:

- Targeted training for the local community to address skills needs of new industries
- Providing workshops on job seeking skills
- Assisting people with preparation of CV's and job applications
- Working with businesses moving into the area to assist them to recruit staff

In three years, over 1,000 local people have been helped to achieve jobs or undertake further training. Other strategies that will boost local employment include:

- Services to support and mentor small to medium business
- Encouraging home based business to establish in the residential area
- Establishment of a Buy Local Strategy

Have your say about Western and Central Precincts

To ensure the Precinct Plans responds to the needs of local residents and businesses, a Community Information & Feedback Session will be held at the **Cranebrook Neighbourhood Centre, Hosking Street, Cranebrook on Tuesday 1st July, from 5pm - 7pm.** This informal session will provide you with the opportunity to ask the questions that are important to you.

The Project Team will be available to answer your questions.

Your feedback is important to us and will be used to help achieve the best possible outcome for the local area. Further opportunities for public comment will also be available during the Councils' exhibition of the Precinct Plans.

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

We look forward to seeing you at the session.

Need More Information

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

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