



major construction activity in the country'

- PROJECT DIRECTOR RICHARD RHYDDERCH

Lakes is anticipated to bring in an excess of 41,000 vehicle movements per day upon completion of the planned community with a further 16,000 vehicles using Endeavour Boulevard.

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Dawn of building frenzy

Bus depot will mean new jobs

BIG BOOST: SPECIAL REPORT ON NORTH LAKES' BUILDING AND JOBS GROWTH

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NORTH Lakes is on the cusp of a building boom, with \$330 million of new developments and more than 2000 jobs in the pipeline over the next 12 months.

North Lakes Central home-maker centre, Monserrat Day Hospital, the Moreton Bay Regional Council library and youth space, ambulance station, Hornibrook Buslines and Masters Home Improvement store are part of next year's building frenzy.

Stockland North Lakes Project director Richard Rhydderch said North Lakes would be a hive of activity, with 20 planning approvals in place or already under construction.

"This is one of the fastest-growing master-planned communities for major construction activity in the country, and there are still more projects to be confirmed over the next 12 months," Mr Rhydderch said.

"The next 12 to 18 months will be a building frenzy," Mr Rhydderch said 1500 jobs would be created during



RAPID GROWTH: With a total area of over 14,000sq m, Masters Home Improvements will create more than 300 news jobs.

construction of these projects, with a final operational workforce of 2200.

"The local knock-on of this is the jobs created during and after construction and the money that will bring,"

Mr Rhydderch said. "As a residential centre we will see it going from 17,000 now to 22,000 or 23,000 in three years. It is a very exciting time."

Woolworths-owned Mas-

ters Home Improvements will create more than 300 news jobs alone.

The giant hardware store will be on Prospect St in the town centre with a total area of 14,000sq m.

Other developments in the area include homemaker centre North Lakes Central with 19 retailers, Monserrat Day Hospital and a further 300 residential townhouses and units.

THE North Lakes Business Park is set to become a regional transport hub after the sale of an allotment to the Hornibrook Group.

Hornibrook Buslines has chosen North Lakes as the location for a new bus depot, which will increase services on existing routes, establish new routes in the area and create about 150 new jobs.

Hornibrook Group director Drew Mountjoy said it was the obvious "operational efficiencies" that drove the company's decision to move into the business park.

"Most of the growth in Hornibrook's contract area has been in and around North Lakes so it made sense the new depot should be located as close as possible to the North Lakes town centre," Mr Mountjoy said.

"We have been working closely with Translink for the past two years to bring the facility to fruition, which will deliver real benefits to the travelling public."

The site will also include self storage facilities through the Hornibrook Group's business subsidiary Sunshine Storage, trading as North Lakes Self Storage.

North Lakes Business Park is a key pillar for the North Lakes community and is expected to eventually provide 5000 jobs for the region.



ALLAN SUTHERLAND Mayor

HE SAID IT

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More good news said to be in store

THERE are growing indications retail giants Ikea and Costco may be part of the North Lakes building boom.

Neither Ikea or US bulk retailer Costco would confirm North Lakes as their location of choice for planned new stores yet Costco has advertised a management position and Ikea's arrival has been given the label of North Lakes' "worst

kept secret".

Costco has advertised for an assistant warehouse (store) manager at a "Brisbane North location" to work with more than 250 staff.

Moreton Bay Regional Council Mayor Allan Sutherland is also lobbying for Costco to open in this region and attended the opening of Costco's store in

Western Sydney.

"I'm keen to see the ribbon cut on the retailers' next megastore right here in the Moreton Bay Region," Mr Sutherland said.

"Opportunities like this rarely just happen, that's why my council have been knocking on the doors of dynamic organisations such as Costco."

Marketing Manager for

North Lakes Central homemaker centre Ashley Rees said reports about Ikea and Costco swayed his decision to build in North Lakes.

"We've been watching the area for three years and didn't think it was ready until we heard Ikea and Costco could be moving in," Mr Rees said.

"Ikea and Costco are the worst kept secrets in town."

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HOME BODIES
North Lakes currently houses more than 13,000 people and is expected to be home to about 20,000 people on 6500 home sites once completed.

GREAT MIGRATION
Current development rates see 37 people move into North Lakes every week, with 233 moving into the Moreton Bay Region.

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