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community update

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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Potts Hill newsletter. In this issue, read about the opening of Sydney Water's new Potts Hill Operational Headquarters, news on the residential development and new construction works at the Potts Hill site.

A new start for Sydney Water at Potts Hill

Sydney Water's new Potts Hill Operational Headquarters in the Potts Hill Business Park is open for business, with 450 staff now settled into the new building.

The NSW Minister for Water, the Hon. Philip Costa MP officially opened the Potts Hill facility at a ceremony on Monday 15 March 2010. Member for Auburn and Minister for Local Government, the Hon. Barbara Perry MP joined Minister Costa, in a tour of the new operational office and warehouse. The new facility will replace storage and staff facilities at Potts Hill, Yagoona and Guildford.

Minister Barbara Perry, said the construction project provided a boost for the local area. "At the peak of construction 250 jobs were created on site, and 45 sub contractors were used on the project, providing extra income



Left to right: David Ghannoum, Managing Director Construction NSW and QLD, Brookfield Multiplex; the Hon Phillip Costa MP, Minister for Water; Sydney Water Chairman, Dr Tom Parry AM and Sydney Water Managing Director, Dr Kerry Schott tour Sydney Water's new Potts Hill Operational Headquarters

for local businesses," Minister Perry said.

The facilities include a large 6,800 square metre warehouse, which houses equipment from eight former locations in the one modern storage facility.

The facility is part of the new 40-hectare redevelopment of Potts Hill which will also include a new facility for the NSW Police, a TransGrid substation, new parks and a residential development for up to 450 new homes (see over the page for more details on the residential development).

A greener future

Sydney Water's new Potts Hill Operational Headquarters is setting the standard for environmentally friendly building design.

The new office has been designed to achieve a 5-star Green Star rating (Green Building Council Australia), and 5 Star NABERS Energy rating standard which is considered "best practice" in sustainable building design. This supports Sydney Water's commitment to become carbon neutral for energy and electricity use by 2020.

The building has been designed to use up to 70 per cent less water and about 50 per cent less energy than in conventional offices. The building maximises use of natural light and incorporates water efficient fixtures, a rainwater harvesting system and an innovative mixed mode air conditioning system that uses natural ventilation as well as conventional air conditioning.

Potts Hill residential development

Community information session

As part of Landcom's commitment to keeping residents up to date on the Potts Hill redevelopment, a community information session was held on 16 January 2010 at the Birrong Girls High School.

The information session was an opportunity for residents and the community to find out more about the Potts Hill residential development, look at maps and the Environmental Assessment for the project, and meet the project team from Landcom.

Around 80 people came to visit the display, with lots of constructive feedback.

If you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the Environmental Assessment summary brochure, please call the Potts Hill community information line on 1800 768 226.

The next steps

The Environmental Assessment for the proposed Potts Hill residential development was on public display from 16 December 2009 until 1 February 2010. During this time, the community and stakeholders were invited to make a submission to the NSW Department of Planning on the proposal.



Landcom's plans for a residential development at Potts Hill were on display at a community information session held at Birrong Girls High School.

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Landcom is currently preparing a report responding to issues raised in the submissions. Once this report is complete, the Minister for Planning will make a final decision on the project and set out relevant conditions under which the project can proceed.

A decision on the project is expected by around May 2010.

Update on earthworks near Graf Avenue

Over the last few months, Landcom's contractors have been completing earthworks along the edge of the site adjacent to Graf Avenue. These works

are to test the make up and condition of the soil and to construct a sewer main at the base of the embankment.

The final stage of works include excavating, returning and re-compacting the soil to rebuild the embankment area and rehabilitating the area by covering with matting, topsoil and planting and landscaping. The final stage of works on the embankment commenced in February 2010 and should be completed by early May 2010.

New neighbours at Potts Hill

Construction will soon commence on the NSW Police facility in the new Potts Hill Business Park.

The NSW Department of Planning approved the project application for the facility in June last year.

The facility will provide a range of support services to NSW Police operations in NSW, including administration offices, vehicle servicing workshops, and warehouse storage. The facility also provides a helipad, which will only be used in emergency situations.

The NSW Police facility is being constructed in two stages. Construction works for Stage 1 are due to commence in May and will be completed by June 2011, with the second stage to be completed by June 2012.