



MACARTHUR  
HEIGHTS



Main Ridge Park, Macarthur Heights

**Landcom has partnered with Western Sydney University to create a new, vibrant urban community for the Macarthur region, offering residents a chance to learn, work and play close to where they live.**

### Welcome

Welcome to Landcom's Macarthur Heights community newsletter. This newsletter provides an update about what's happening at Macarthur Heights. We understand community concerns about delays impacting the delivery of new recreational spaces and want to assure you that we remain very focused on delivering the upcoming program of works as quickly as possible and minimising further delays.

Macarthur Heights has transformed into an established, thriving community. While the final residential lots in Stage 5 have been sold, we are still working hard to deliver important neighbourhood facilities, including Lake Thomson, realigning Bow Bowling Creek, the Sportsfield Precinct and sections of the Macarthur Regional Recreational Trail.



### Keeping Macarthur Heights neat and tidy!

**We are proud of Macarthur Heights, and know you are too!**

As the project progresses, areas like verges, footpaths and parks are being progressively handed over to Council.

This means there are some areas that we maintain and other areas that Council manage and look after.

In the next newsletter we will provide information about who is responsible for different areas.

This will make it easier for residents to direct maintenance enquiries to the right team to ensure they get actioned quickly.





## Delivering the Lake Thomson precinct

A special feature of Macarthur Heights will be the Lake Thomson precinct. The lake and surrounding landscaped areas, including space for picnics, three BBQ areas, and play equipment, will be a relaxing space for everyone to enjoy.



The construction update at the end of this newsletter outlines anticipated timing for delivery.



Concept plan. Subject to change and approvals.

Concept plan showing the layout of the Lake Thompson and the vision for this new recreation area.



## Construction update

We understand that residents are concerned by the ongoing delays in the delivery of recreation spaces. Below are some of the reasons for the delays and the steps we are taking to finish works as quickly as we can.

### Lake Thomson

The Lake Thomson precinct has been delayed because it took longer than expected to determine arrangements for landscaping and requirements for managing ground conditions and stormwater. We could not progress until these design and delivery issues were confirmed. We have also experienced unexpected procurement difficulties, which has resulted in the need to re-tender the works. Works are now scheduled to start in September 2023, with construction anticipated to take 12 months to complete. We are currently working with the Macarthur Heights community group to get feedback on ideas to provide a fun and safe play space for families with children.

### Sportsfields precinct

Landcom's work in the Sportsfields Precinct consists of two playing fields, landscaping works and realigning Bow Bowing Creek.

We have also provided significant funds to Council to deliver an amenities building, carparking and associated landscaping.

Works were originally envisaged to be completed by the end of 2020 but were delayed for several reasons, as outlined below.

### Context

We paused works on the Sportsfields Precinct while Council considered whether Macarthur Heights was the best location for a new Sports Centre of Excellence. Now that Council has chosen an alternative location for the Centre of Excellence we can proceed in-step with

the plans for the Sportsfields Precinct, including two playing fields, an amenities building, car parking, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

### Playing fields

We have received development approval for the playing fields. Construction is expected to commence towards the end of 2023, with works anticipated to take 12 months to complete.

### Amenities building

We received community feedback about the need for an 'all-weather' facility in the Sportsfields Precinct for social gatherings and are exploring this idea with Council.

We are discussing initial concept design options for an amenities building with Council and will share further details with you soon.

### Realigning Bow Bowing Creek

Works to realign Bow Bowing Creek are part of the overall management of stormwater downstream of Lake Thomson, through a series of flood detention basins and channel works. We had commenced works when a major sewer pipe was unexpectedly discovered. Works stopped while we consulted with Sydney Water on how to manage this sewerage asset. We are seeking their approval to encase the sewer pipe in concrete so that works can recommence.

We have also secured Council approval for the eastern

detention basin downstream from the creek realignment works. This is a major part of the stormwater management system and works will progress once the sewer pipe has been encased.

### Macarthur Regional Recreational Trail

The Macarthur Regional Recreational Trail will pass through Macarthur Heights as part of a 14-kilometre nature trail which will provide a walking and cycling link to Campbelltown Train Station and the Australian Botanic Garden. We have completed most sections of the trail, except for the connection under the Hume Highway, and the section within the Sportsfields Precinct. The connection under the highway requires approval from Transport for NSW, and the remaining section will be completed as part of the Sportsfields Precinct.

### Next steps

This newsletter details why works have been delayed. We understand local residents are concerned and know it is frustrating that we have not met community expectations. We are working as quickly as we can to secure appropriate approvals and deliver new recreation spaces for community enjoyment.

**Future newsletters will provide more regular updates on timing and information about the progress we are making to deliver on our commitments at Macarthur Heights.**



### Changes to pedestrian access during construction works

Construction works at Macarthur Gardens North are anticipated to commence in the coming months. Given the steep drop between the station concourse and the site, construction works are going to be difficult to manage. To ensure public safety, it is necessary to close-off the accessway between Macarthur Train Station and Goldsmith Avenue during construction. Please visit Landcom's website for more information.

## Free fitness classes until the end of the year!

We are pleased to announce that free boxing and cross-training classes at Main Ridge Park will continue until the end of 2023. Come along to meet new people and have fun while improving your health.

The free classes run Monday to Friday during school terms at Main Ridge Park (opposite our Sales Centre, corner of

University Drive and Milky Way) and it is easy to sign up online here:

<https://lifelifegetactive.com/location/nsw-sydney/campbelltown-macarthur-heights/>

Online sessions and resources are also available to members 24/7.



Residents enjoying a Live Life Get Active class

## Macarthur Gardens North project update

### Landcom received development approval for the Macarthur Gardens North project in December 2022.

Macarthur Gardens North will provide new homes, parks and open spaces, close to public transport, shops and educational facilities. A mix of apartments will suit the changing needs and demographics of the Macarthur region and provide more opportunity for households to buy their own home.

As part of our design process for the parks and open spaces, we hosted three pop up stalls and an online survey for the community to give feedback to shape plans for new play and fitness spaces.

- 7,495 people viewed our social media posts about the pop ups and survey.
- Approximately 1,000 local households received a postcard that provided information about the pop ups and survey.

- Around 170 people visited our pop ups to ask questions and provide feedback, including around 50 children.
- Just under 60 people participated in our online survey to give their feedback.

The feedback we received will inform the preparation of the detailed designs for play and fitness areas at Macarthur Gardens North. We will provide a summary of the feedback in



Local residents help to refine plans for new play spaces in Macarthur Gardens North

## Macarthur Heights Community Group

The Macarthur Heights Community Group, run by local residents, holds regular meetings and community events.

To learn more, head to their Facebook page

[facebook.com/macarthurheights](https://www.facebook.com/macarthurheights)

or scan the below QR code to visit the MHCG website and join.





## About Landcom

Landcom is a NSW Government owned development organisation.

We are a commercial business that develops land to achieve both public outcomes and financial benefits for the NSW Government and the people of NSW.

### We do this by:



Supplying home sites through the delivery of sustainable masterplanned communities and development projects, with a focus on expanding the stock of affordable and diverse housing; and



Enabling development by de-risking and unlocking strategic and complex sites in collaboration with landowners and the market.



## Have a question?

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### Arabic

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### Bengali

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### Nepali

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