

23 August 2023

Dear Resident

RE: Upcoming construction at Macarthur Heights and Macarthur Gardens North

We are writing to inform you of upcoming construction at Macarthur Heights and Macarthur Gardens North.

Please see below for further information.

Macarthur Heights

Lake Thomson

We are in the process of appointing a principal contractor who will manage Lake Thomson construction works, which are scheduled to start in September. Pending weather, these works are expected to take up to 12 months to complete and will involve:

- clearing the site of rubbish and weeds
- earthworks and constructing new retaining walls to support the lake
- removing and upgrading existing drainage infrastructure, and installing new drainage infrastructure
- landscaping and other works to deliver a boardwalk, pedestrian and cycle paths, a children's play area, barbeque and picnic facilities, and shade structures.

Sportsfields precinct

Construction is scheduled to recommence in October. Pending weather, these works are expected to take up to 24 months to complete and will include three phases – the realignment of Bow Bowing Creek, earthworks and drainage, and landscaping. These works will involve:

- encasing an existing Sydney Water sewer pipe in concrete
- excavating soil and levelling the site
- installing new drainage infrastructure
- landscaping and constructing new pedestrian and cycle paths.

Landcom is continuing discussions with Campbelltown City Council for plans to include an amenities building within the Sportsfields precinct. Three designs have been presented to Council for consideration. We will provide a further update when plans have progressed.

Riparian corridors

Regeneration of the five riparian corridors that run through Macarthur Heights is now expected to start in October (rather than early 2024 as previously anticipated) and will involve:

- removing weeds and rubbish
- revegetation



• constructing additional shared pedestrian and cycle paths to better connect the neighbourhood.

How we will minimise construction impacts at Macarthur Heights

Measures that will be put in place to minimise the impacts of works at Lake Thomson, the Sportsfields precinct and the riparian corridors include:

- ensuring construction noise is managed and kept to a minimum to avoid disturbance to the community
- spraying water to suppress dust, and halting works which generate dust if there are high winds or risk of uncontrolled dust
- installing signage and establishing traffic control near site entrances to manage vehicle movements and safely guide road users, pedestrians and cyclists
- distributing truck movements throughout the day to avoid peak hour traffic
- ensuring all construction vehicles, including all contractors and subcontractors, park on the work sites and do not park on local streets
- maintaining consistent work hours of 7am to 6pm on weekdays, and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays (note workers will mostly travel to the sites around 6am and from the sites around 5pm, in the opposite direction to peak hour traffic).

These measures will be reviewed regularly to ensure they are effective.

Macarthur Gardens North

In the coming months we will appoint a principal contractor that will be responsible for construction at Macarthur Gardens North. Before the start of works, the principal contractor will need to prepare a detailed construction methodology which firms up the construction approach. We plan to phase construction to minimise impacts.

To maintain pedestrian access through the site between Goldsmith Avenue and Macarthur Station as much as possible during works we plan to:

- reconfigure pedestrian access through the site during different construction phases with appropriate directional signage in place
- provide a shuttle bus service to connect Goldsmith Avenue and Macarthur Square / Macarthur Station when safe pedestrian access through the site is not possible.

We plan to share further detail about the construction methodology with the community prior to the start of works.

Have your say - help us plan and manage pedestrian access during construction

To help us plan and manage the shuttle bus service, we encourage you to let us know when you currently use the temporary pedestrian path through the site and if you have any mobility challenges or access needs you would like us to know about. Complete the survey by Wednesday 27 September by scanning this QR code:



Recent community meetings

We held community meetings on 25 and 29 July at Western Sydney University's Campbelltown campus for our Macarthur Gardens North project.

It was an opportunity for us to share information about the project, upcoming construction and how we are planning to reduce construction impacts. The team were glad to have met with a number of Macarthur Heights residents and answer questions about the project. At the meetings, we also invited feedback to inform our planning for the shuttle bus service.

A summary of the questions and feedback received during the meetings has been published on our project webpage: landcom.com.au/mgn

Further information

We will continue to share key project planning and construction updates with you.

For up-to-date information about our Macarthur projects and to subscribe for email updates, please visit our project webpages:

- Macarthur Gardens North: landcom.com.au/mgn
- Macarthur Heights: landcom.com.au/macarthurheights

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Fay Edwards, the Communications and Engagement Program Manager working with me on these projects:

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Yours sincerely

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