



COMMUNITY NEWS UPDATE

Moorebank awarded “Excellent” sustainability score

Moorebank Logistics Park has achieved an “Excellent” design rating from the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia (ISCA), the highest achievement for sustainability and innovation outcomes.

The ISCA rating scheme is Australia and New Zealand’s only comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability across infrastructure programs, projects, networks and assets. The tool evaluates the sustainability performance of the quadruple-bottom-line (Governance, Economic, Environmental and Social) of infrastructure development.

MLP will save more than two million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalents (tCO2-e) over 40 years of operations via energy efficient design including the use of electric forklifts, efficient lighting and cranes which capture and use regenerated power.

The ISCA rating also recognised the greenhouse gas emission reductions achieved by transporting containerised freight from Port Botany to Moorebank by rail instead of road – removing thousands of heavy truck trips every day from Sydney’s roads and cutting a further 110,000 tCO2-e annually.

Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC) Chief Executive Officer Ian Learmonth congratulated Qube on the achievement. The MLP was the first transport infrastructure project to win the support of the CEFC through a \$150m loan facility.

“We are proud to be working alongside Qube. Our goal was to help build Moorebank Logistics Park to a sustainability standard that Australia had not seen before, so we set ambitious targets – and then asked Qube to exceed them,” he said.

“Qube’s success reflects its commitment to sustainability and demonstrates the possibilities for decarbonisation across even the most complex infrastructure operation,” Mr Learmonth said.

The Moorebank Logistics Park is one of only a select group of privately developed projects to achieve the Excellent design rating.



Bushfires, storms and COVID-19

It would be an understatement to say the first half of the year has been remarkable in so many ways: devastating bushfires and lingering fogs of smoke in our region, flooding from once-in-a-century storms and now the far-reaching health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

The entire project team working to deliver the Moorebank Logistics Park hopes this update on our project finds you safe and well.

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, a great deal continues to be achieved to deliver the project and generate ongoing investment and jobs in the region.

When the current crisis is over, we want to ensure our project – in construction and operation – can play its part in getting Liverpool, Sydney, NSW and Australia back on its feet and prospering.



Local Jobs Update

Qube has been recognised as an “essential service” provider by both the NSW and Australian governments during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic with a critical role in maintaining employment and investment now as well as laying the building blocks for future economic benefits for Liverpool.

The MLP project has established a number of mechanisms to ensure as many opportunities as possible for local businesses and contractors to provide goods and services for the site, including requiring all major contractors to demonstrate those efforts.

The results have been extremely pleasing. Audits conducted throughout the past two years have routinely found an average of \$20 of every \$100 invested by Qube and its contractors on the project has been spent in the local region.

On a project that requires so much specialist procurement that’s not available locally, we are proud of such a concentrated spend in the Liverpool, Campbelltown, Fairfield and Bankstown LGAs.

Local companies who wish to pre-register for work on the project can do so with the Industry Capability Network at www.icn.org.au and search “Moorebank” from the homepage.

Workers looking for employment are best to approach our tenants (Target and CaesarStone, with more to come later in 2020) and contractors (BMD, Georgiou, Hansen Yuncken, Quanstruct and Fulton Hogan) directly.



Hibbertia fumana thriving

The propagation of *hibbertia fumana* from the MLP site is continuing at Mount Annan Botanic Garden in a bid to ensure the future of the plant, which was believed to have been extinct before it was discovered on our site before construction began.

More than one thousand stem cuttings and 34 salvaged plants (of both *hibbertia fumana* and *hibbertia puberula*) were collected in June 2018 and taken to the plant nursery. Overall strike rates of the collected cuttings were higher than expected and 12 months later there were almost 200 *hibbertia fumana* and 10 *Hibbertia puberula* plants in the nursery.

Now that this population is established, plans are in place for how it can be used to produce new tubestock that can be replanted within the Wattle Grove offset area.

In recent weeks, Qube engaged a specialist to prepare a detailed Translocation Management Plan to guide the ongoing translocation of *hibbertias* within the Moorebank Precinct.

The plan has been prepared with input and guidance from the Australian Botanic Garden Mount Annan, which has experience in translocating *hibbertia* species, ahead of replanting commencing in 2022 – with hopes of replanting more than 1,000 *hibbertia fumana* plants on-site.



Woolworths announces plans for new state-of-the-art distribution centres at Moorebank

In late-June, Qube announced a 26-hectare development and warehouse leasing agreement with Woolworths Group, which will see the Australian retailer base its Australian operations at Moorebank Logistics Park.

The new facilities for Woolworths – a National Distribution Centre (NDC) and a Regional Distribution Centre (RDC) – will consolidate operations into a purpose-built facility boasting world-leading technology. Subject to NSW Government planning approvals, the NDC is expected to commence operations in 2023 with the RDC opening in 2024.

The development of the two facilities will provide more than 1,000 construction jobs prior to the commencement of the new operations.

Announcing the plans for Moorebank, Woolworths Group Chief Supply Chain Officer Paul Graham said:

“Our new planned distribution centres at Moorebank will transform the way we serve our NSW stores, strengthen our network and create new local jobs – around 1,000 during construction and 650 on an ongoing basis.

“The technology we’ll use will help us improve on-shelf product availability with faster restocking, reducing congestion in stores, and enabling a safer work environment for our teams with less manual handling.

“The new facilities will also help progress our localised ranging efforts, with the ability to hold many thousands more products centrally than we can in our existing facilities.”

Qube Managing Director Maurice James welcomed Woolworths to Moorebank. “We’re delighted Woolworths has recognised the significant competitive advantages available to tenants at the Moorebank Logistics Park,” he said.

“Our project team is looking forward to working with the Woolworths team in delivering an optimal solution for their operations. Woolworths’ long term commitment will reinforce the commercial appeal of this nationally important infrastructure and freight project.”



Open for consultation

We are asking the community for feedback on two aspects of our project requiring planning permission.

The realignment of Moorebank Avenue – on which Qube, the Federal Government and Transport for NSW have been working together – would see the road diverted to the east between Anzac Road and the East Hills rail line.

A key benefit would be that traffic accessing Moorebank Logistics Park (along the current alignment of Moorebank Ave) would be separated from the through traffic travelling between Moorebank and Glenfield.

For road users travelling away from the M5 south on Moorebank Avenue, that would mean that after passing Anzac Road and the army’s Joint Logistics Unit, the road would turn to the left and continue past our project’s Target warehouse, before a right turn to continue south, parallel to the existing road. At the far end of our site, the road would bend to the right and re-join the current road before crossing the existing rail bridge.

We have also been seeking feedback on a Stage 3 State Significant Development Application relating to Moorebank Precinct West, seeking to construct permanent roads and laydown areas, and pursue subdivision of the land, as has already occurred on Moorebank Precinct East.

Our project now has components in planning, construction and operation. We are committed to keeping the community aware of all activities at www.simta.com.au and via this regular newsletter and project notifications delivered to homes near our worksites.



The changing face of Moorebank Logistics Park

The first half of 2020 has been a busy time for milestones within our project.

We reached completion on two new 20,000-square-metre warehouse on the eastern boundary of our site, which are now being tenanted by CaesarStone (10,145sqm) and ATS Timber Supplies (12,501sqm). Construction of a third warehouse – about 40,000 square metres in size – is underway beside the Import-Export rail terminal.

Operation of the rail terminal is well underway and proving successful for customers and our major site tenant, Target Australia.

Across Moorebank Avenue, our project team has moved into a new consolidated site compound, simplifying the traffic flows related to our project and reducing their use of the temporary intersection (traffic lights and boomgates) to make life easier for the through traffic passing our site.

Moorebank Avenue contractor BMD has made great progress preparing the land immediately west of the roadway for a temporary diversion to be used while it expands the road from two lanes to four in some sections and raises it by two metres, with a brand-new drainage system to eliminate the regular flooding that occurs following storms.


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