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Vaccine hub at Moorebank Logistics Park: more than 4,500 doses administered

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A Covid-19 vaccination hub has been operating at Moorebank Logistics Park since September to accelerate access to Pfizer vaccines in Western Sydney, with more than 4,500 doses administered.

Operated by Company Medical Services (CMS) and funded by Moorebank Logistics Park developer and operator Qube Holdings, the free access vaccine hub has been established with the support of the Commonwealth's Moorebank Intermodal Company.

The initial focus was on providing vaccines to any essential workers in the local community including healthcare, disability and aged care workers, food distribution workers, transport and logistics workers, essential service workers and their families.

The vaccination hub has been operating in Qube Logistics' new Warehouse 5 within Moorebank Logistics Park located at 400 Moorebank Avenue, Moorebank.



Qube Managing Director Paul Digney said the hub was providing critical vaccinations for workers in the supply chain industry to keep these vital services operational.

"Qube is a major employer in the local area with significant logistics facilities and capabilities. We recognised that we have the capacity to support the supply chain sector and accelerate vaccination rates with the establishment of this vaccination hub," he said.

"Qube's brand new Warehouse 5 at the Moorebank Logistics Park is perfect for this operation and we are very pleased to have been able to rapidly develop a plan for its use as a vaccination hub, with support from the Commonwealth Government and CMS."

Lockdown's local focus

Moorebank Intermodal Terminal's developer and contractors have been working closely with local and state authorities to ensure we comply with all aspects of the Covid-19 lockdown orders and restricted construction rules for the Liverpool LGA while also protecting as many local jobs as possible.

Following the complete shutdown in late July, we have worked with the NSW Government to identify safe ways of working at up to 50 per cent on-site capacity and have volunteered to be a test site for rapid antigen testing of construction workforces, as well as funding an on-site Covid-19 vaccine hub (see story above). We welcome recent moves towards 100 per cent operation on-site and the staged reopening from lockdown that will occur during these final three months of the year.

We recognise the enormous sacrifices that have been asked of south-western Sydney communities during recent months and are ensuring our focus on engaging local sub-contractors and suppliers remains strong as we recover from the pandemic.

An audit last year found that of every dollar spent by the Moorebank Logistics Park project to date, just over a quarter went to businesses from the Liverpool, Campbelltown, Fairfield and Canterbury-Bankstown LGAs, while the same amount was spent across other Western Sydney LGAs – a total of 55 cents in every dollar being spent locally.

Moorebank Avenue diversion now in use

As a result of Sydney's lengthy Covid-19 lockdown, many members of the local community may not be aware that Moorebank Avenue has diverted onto a temporary roadway to allow a major upgrade of the existing road.

The diversion allows our contractors to carry out a comprehensive upgrade to Moorebank Avenue that includes raising the road surface by two metres to allow a modern drainage and stormwater system to be constructed.

We will also build brand new intersections at Anzac Road, the entry to the Department of Defence Joint Logistics Unit and both the eastern and western sides of our development, each of which will be home to an intermodal rail terminal and associated warehousing.

Temporary intersections connect to those facilities from our diversion road and we ask road users to please obey roadwork speed limits, be aware of workers and ensure they pay attention to traffic controllers when they are operating.

Stay tuned for further updates as this exciting project comes to life.



Simpler, transparent planning for Moorebank Intermodal

The NSW Government is proposing a new State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP) to apply to the Moorebank Intermodal Terminal project, with members of the community providing their feedback during September.

The new Moorebank Intermodal SEPP would streamline assessment processes, improve transparency and speed up delivery of low-impact development within the precinct.

An Explanation of Intended Effect (EIE) has been prepared to provide further details of the proposed Moorebank Intermodal SEPP. It can be viewed at <u>www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/</u><u>moorebank-SEPP</u>

Please note, this is a NSW Government initiative, and not a Moorebank Logistics Park application.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Executive Director of State Policy and Strategic Advice, Felicity Greenway, said the proposed changes would set clear rules around what work on the Moorebank site needs development approval.

"Detailed plans for the precinct have already been approved by the Independent Planning Commission, but individual planning approvals have been needed each time the applicant wants to build a new warehouse or other facilities related to the operation of the precinct," Ms Greenway said.

"There'll be a lot of activity on the site in coming years. This proposal will simplify the process and provide upfront transparency for the community about what is and is not allowed.

"We're proposing strict traffic and height rules that must be met before any development can be undertaken," she said.

DPIE is currently reviewing the submissions received during the 6-week exhibition period and working to finalise the content of the EIE and SEPP before the end of the year.





The first of two Woolworths distribution centres is taking shape

Woolworths warehousing taking shape

Keen observers might have noticed in recent weeks that the frame of the first of Woolworths new regional and national distribution centres has begun to take shape to the west of Moorebank Avenue.

The two warehouses will cover about 75,000 square metres when complete, adjacent to an interstate rail terminal that will help to move goods between Melbourne and Brisbane. Woolworths expects the new National Distribution Centre at Moorebank to open in 2024, with the adjacent Regional Distribution Centre to be completed the following year.

This commitment to a future at Moorebank is Woolworths' largest ever capital investment.

Automation moving closer





Kalmar crews have been hard at work alongside the project's Import/Export rail terminal, building and testing the gantry cranes that will play a key role in automated operation of the rail terminal in the future. Automation, using electric machinery, will mean quieter, more efficient and more environmentally friendly operation of the rail terminal.

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Realigning Moorebank Avenue

Thank you to the 15 members of the local community who provided a submission during the public exhibition process for the Moorebank Avenue Realignment.

The realignment, a piece of State Significant Infrastructure, would see Moorebank Avenue divert to the east of the terminal precinct development between Anzac Road and the East Hills railway line.

The upgrade would double the road's capacity to two lanes in each direction and include new intersections to access warehousing to be developed on the eastern side of the Moorebank Logistics Park site.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is now considering the proposal, community and stakeholder submissions and our Response to Submissions as it continues working towards a determination.

Complementing this, Transport for NSW is investigating an upgrade to Cambridge Avenue, which includes upgrading Moorebank Avenue to four lanes between Cambridge Avenue and the Moorebank Intermodal site. This upgrade is a Proposed Initiative in Infrastructure Australia's Priority List.



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

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