



## Cove shops pave way

THE redeveloped Hallett Cove shopping centre is the first milestone in making the area a southern hub, locals say.

Featuring more than 70 specialty shops, underground parking, Big W and Woolworths, the shopping centre re-opened on Monday, June 29, after its \$50 million upgrade.

The centre, off Lonsdale Rd, is expected to create close to 500 jobs, with the majority in the retail sector.

Last week shoppers told the *Guardian Messenger* the mall's redevelopment was long overdue for the ever-growing area.

**Janet Hughes**, of Old Reynella, said there was already a "buzz about the place".

"We've waited 20 years for this

and they've been talking about it for 20 years," she said.

Another shopper, **Jo Henderson**, of Aberfoyle Park, said the centre was the "first step for the area".

"It will bring the community together and means people can stay local and not have to drive down to Marion," she said.

Makris Group CEO **John Blunt** said the centre's facelift met the needs of the community.

"The southern suburbs continue to grow in population so the upgraded Hallett Cove Shopping Centre will provide the local community with a higher level of amenity and service and offer much more retail variety," he said.



**DONE UP:** the redeveloped Hallett Cove shopping centre.



## Your thoughts on the mall



‘I’ll be using it weekly and it reckon it’ll be quite busy’

**Graham Overland**



‘This is a big improvement’

**John Taylor**



‘It’s fantastic. . . I expect to spend a lot of money here’

**Sasha Sanderson**



‘There’s been a good buzz and stacks more people around’

**Craig Mills**