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\$50 MILLION HALLETT COVE SHOPPING CENTRE NOW OPEN

The \$50 million redevelopment of the Hallett Cove Shopping Centre has provided a boost to the southern economy, with the creation of new jobs and a “hub” for the local community.

Speaking at the Centre’s official opening by the Premier, the Hon Mike Rann MP, Makris Group Chief Executive Officer Mr John Blunt said the redeveloped Hallett Cove Shopping Centre catered for the population growth in the south.

“The new Hallett Cove Shopping Centre has tripled in size to create a sub-regional centre of approximately 18,600 square metres,” Mr Blunt said.

“Up to 490 retail jobs have been created with the expansion, while another 200 jobs were created during the construction phase.

“This Centre is a real boost to the local community, which have already embraced it and are enjoying the new retail opportunities on offer.”

The redeveloped centre features a Woolworths Supermarket and Big W Discount Department Store as its new major tenants, in addition to the existing Drake Foodland Supermarket which has been recently refurbished.

The centre also features approximately 70 specialty shops, including a new food court, fashion and shoes outlets, sports and surf shops, coffee shops, banks, hair and beauty shops, optical, gifts and homewares, an expanded fresh food offering, toys and games, electronics, restaurants and take-away food and a gym.

Some of the new national brands now represented in the centre include Dick Smith Electronics, Westpac, Commonwealth Bank, The Coffee Club, Subway, Muffin Break, Wendys, OPSM, Noni B, Rockmans, Payless Shoes, Betts, Prouds Jewellers and Angus & Coote.

In addition, a new stand alone McDonalds restaurant is under construction and due to open before Christmas.

Approximately 960 new parking spaces, including more than 300 under cover parks, have also been incorporated into the centre to meet increased shopper demand.

“The new Hallett Cove Shopping Centre is better meeting the needs of the local community,” Mr Blunt said.

“The redeveloped Hallett Cove shopping centre is giving local residents a greatly enhanced shopping experience and we are extremely pleased with the support we have received so far.”

In addition, the new Patpa Drive connector road, linking Sheidow Park and Trott Park with the Centre was opened late last year, allowing even better access for southern residents.

“Patpa Drive provides an essential gateway to the upgraded shopping centre and we applaud the Marion Council and the Federal and State Governments for delivering this key infrastructure for the southern suburbs,” Mr Blunt said.

The redeveloped Hallett Cove Shopping Centre was officially opened on Monday, September 28 by the Honorable Mike Rann MP, Premier of South Australia.

The centre’s redevelopment was undertaken by leading South Australian construction company Hansen Yuncken.

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