SITE WORKS CONTINUE - SEWER MAIN RELOCATION AND DRAINAGE WORKS

Works update
Decommissioning and site preparation activity commenced in early 2016 and continues onsite.

In accordance with approvals, civil and infrastructure works for the Mill at Moreton Bay Redevelopment Project have commenced including the relocation of sewer mains, vegetation removal and bulk earthworks in the area bounded by Gympie Road, Paper Avenue and the Petrie train station.

These works will enable USC to start construction on their foundation facility buildings which is expected to begin mid-2018.

Construction impacts
Construction activity is now ongoing between Monday to Saturday, 6.30am to 6.30pm. Night and weekend works will be undertaken when required to minimise traffic disruption.

Council is working closely with the contractors to minimise disruption to residents and rail commuters during construction. The management of changed traffic conditions, noise, vehicle movements, dust and vibration will be undertaken in accordance with relevant approvals.

Changes still in place to commuter parking at Petrie train station
Sewer relocation works continue from mid-February 2018. Pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle access to the commuter carpark on the eastern side of Petrie train station via Paper Avenue will be temporarily changed. Site signage will be in place in advance of the works to inform and guide residents, motorists and commuters of the changes.

Thank you for your cooperation during works.
Sewer main relocation works in progress.

New drainage channel under construction.
Environment

Koala monitoring

Council continues to work closely with koala monitoring experts to deliver a comprehensive environment plan for the site. Real time monitoring for koalas is ongoing, including tracking koalas on the site and undertaking vital health checks. More information regarding the koala monitoring program can be found on Council’s website https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/the-mill/environment/

Fauna management

During the recent vegetation removal and prior to commencement of construction works, the koala monitoring team worked with the appointed fauna spotter catchers to identify species requiring relocation. This work was undertaken by visual inspection, including the use of an elevated work platform to inspect hollows. Tree hollows were also preserved and relocated to bushland areas adjacent to where the fauna was relocated. These natural hollows were complemented by six new nest boxes installed by Council. The koala monitoring team continued to monitor the koalas during the clearing with no koalas being within the site during vegetation clearing activities.

Elevated work platform inspecting hollows in trees

Leaf cuttings and tip for collection by local wildlife carers

To assist wildlife carers, Council liaised with local koala groups prior to the clearing works to provide leaf cuttings and tips from several trees. This process assisted the koala groups, to have additional local food supplies for the animals.

Revegetation and rehabilitation works continue, including ongoing weed removal and assisted natural regeneration. As part of the revegetation works, several large weed trees (camphor laurels) in the bushland areas will be stem injected prior to removal and replacement with native koala habitat trees. Pine trees will also be sequentially removed in these areas over the coming months to allow for the planting of additional native koala habitat trees. This methodology has been recommended by the koala monitoring team and will allow juvenile koalas to continue to seek refuge in these large camphor laurel trees during the hot summer months.
**Project overview**

Moreton Bay Regional Council is delivering a major economic and education hub for our region. It is expected to generate up to 6,000 ongoing jobs, 10,000 university student placements and $950 million in economic benefit.

This thriving precinct forms part of the new Priority Development Area (PDA) declared by the Queensland Government spanning more than 460 hectares across three suburbs including Lawnton, Petrie and Kallangur.

The former Petrie Paper Mill site is at the heart of the new PDA. The former Paper Mill site will be redeveloped into a full-scale University of the Sunshine Coast (USC) campus and is expected to cater for additional sporting, business and community facilities into the future.

Final plans for The Mill at Moreton Bay PDA were unveiled in August 2017 following two rounds of community consultation. Over 90 per cent of consultation respondents supported the plan for a major new USC campus on the site, expected to open by 2020.