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Proposed shopping centre development heralds new jobs

Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) and Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council have received approval to develop a major shopping and retail centre in Nambucca.

Nambucca Shire Council approved the development which is to be built on land owned by the Land Council in Bellwood Road, Nambucca on Thursday 5 March 2009.

An economic impact assessment report by HillPDA a leading provider of location intelligence and retail analysis, predicts that once operational, the shopping centre could generate approximately 370 additional full and part-time jobs in the Shire; representing in excess of \$8 million in salary and wages.

The construction phase will provide approximately 140 additional positions, comprising direct employment and contract opportunities for local tradespeople.

IBA General Manager Ron Morony said that this joint venture provides an exciting prospect to create significant employment opportunities for Indigenous communities in the Nambucca area.

“This commercial project is a landmark development for an Indigenous organisation and we are pleased to have passed one of the most important milestones in the project in getting it approved.

“IBA is delighted to be working together with the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council to provide them with an opportunity to become a mainstream corporate company and allow them to address the many cultural and social issues they are faced with.

“The determination and hard work by members of the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council and the leadership by its board as contributed to the success of this joint venture to date, and is well positioned for success in the future.

“This is another example of how IBA has created a pathway for Indigenous Australians through partnerships with Aboriginal Land Council's to unlock the wealth potential of their land through finance and business support.

“IBA also believes that there is considerable potential for small business development opportunities for Indigenous Australians, to flow from this project.” Mr Morony said.

Plans for the shopping centre include provision for a full line national brand supermarket, a major brand discount department store and a range of specialty retail outlets.

On completion the shopping centre will provide residents and visitors with an expanded retail offer likely to include a number of traders currently not resident in the region; particularly in the apparel category with a new discount department store.

The shopping centre's development and construction will be overseen by specialised retail development and project management company Restifa & Partners Pty Ltd who facilitated the construction and expansion of the highly successful Park Beach Plaza in Coffs Harbour.



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The shopping centre development will provide significant benefits within the Nambucca Shire over the short and longer term to local residents, visitors and the Indigenous people who are represented by the Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The Nambucca Heads Local Aboriginal Land Council and IBA would like to take the opportunity to inform all interested businesses and individuals that a leasing agent will soon be appointed to commence a leasing program of available stores. All enquiries should be made to Restifa & Partners Pty Ltd, on 02 9957 6330.

The New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council has approved transfer of the land into the venture as required under the Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983.

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