# Communities Plus Newsletter

# **Telopea**

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This is our fourth Telopea Master Plan Social Housing Resident Newsletter. These updates are designed to keep you informed about the planning for Telopea and how you can continue to be involved.

On 13 March 2017, City of Parramatta Council endorsed the final Telopea Master Plan. The master plan was prepared by FACS in partnership with Council and provides a long term plan for the type and location of new buildings, new and improved community facilities, pathways and parks in the area.

The master plan was finalised after the project team carefully considered the community feedback that has been provided throughout 2016. The final master plan also responds to recommendations from an independent expert review panel which assessed the draft master plan and made recommendations for improvements.

FACS and Council will now work closely with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment (DP&E) to rezone Telopea and allow the implementation of the master plan.

You can view the final Telopea Master Plan at www.communitiesplus.com.au/Telopea or by visiting the Telopea Project Office at 6 Shortland Street, Telopea.



# **Key Facts**



More quality housing within walking distance to the new light rail network.

Telopea will become a more attractive place for people to live, with better access to employment, education, shops and high quality housing for all residents. Social housing will be better integrated with the community, with the redevelopment of existing social housing for a mix of social, affordable and private housing.



Better community facilities, parks, shops and infrastructure. New development in Telopea will be supported by new and improved infrastructure, including upgrades to parks, roads and community spaces.



Ongoing engagement with social housing residents.

No relocations will occur before late-2017. All tenants will have the opportunity to return to Telopea. The renewal of Telopea will result in more social housing, but it will be better designed and fully integrated with the local community.





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#### **Next steps in the renewal process**

Now that the Telopea Master Planning process is complete, the land needs to be rezoned to allow redevelopment to occur. DP&E will progress the rezoning in close consultation with FACS and City of Parramatta Council.

The rezoning process will include a formal public exhibition process involving more community engagement with residents, land owners, business owners and other interested parties. Everyone will be given the opportunity to make a submission and comment on the proposed rezoning.

Once the land is rezoned, detailed applications can be lodged with Council to develop buildings in accordance with the new planning controls.

FACS will work with DP&E to undertake the community engagement. We will assist social housing residents to understand the rezoning proposal and how to make a submission.

#### **Stage 1 Parramatta Light Rail**

In February 2017, Transport for NSW announced Stage 1 of the Parramatta Light Rail network. Stage 1 will connect Westmead to Carlingford via Parramatta CBD with a two-way track spanning 12 kilometres. The light rail will greatly improve public transport services in Telopea.

Construction is expected to commence in 2018 with the line opening in 2023. Visit http://www.parramattalightrail.nsw.gov.au/for more information.



#### **About relocations**

We have not yet determined which areas will be the first to be redeveloped in Telopea. This means that FACS does not know yet which residents will be moving first. We do know that no one will be relocated before late-2017 and all residents will be given six months notice before they need to relocate.

The redevelopment of Telopea will occur in stages and many residents will not need to move for a number of years. Social housing residents who need to be relocated will have the opportunity to return to new dwellings in Telopea as new development occurs.

As part of the relocations process, FACS will work with each social housing resident to ensure their needs, such as health and social services, family connections, pets and specific housing needs are taken into consideration

### **Visit the Telopea Project Office**

6 Shortland Street, Telopea

#### **Opening Hours**

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The office can help you with tenancy, maintenance and master planning queries.

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