

varsitystationvillage

a transit oriented community

Autumn 2008

Updated

project timeline

Early Spring 2007

- Rail corridor earthworks commence

Late Spring 2007

- Rail corridor earthworks continue
- Community Newsletter 1 distributed
- Village Vision released; community comments welcomed

Summer 2008

- Project contractors engaged

Autumn/Winter 2008

- Draft Master Plan being prepared

Spring 2008

- Draft Master Plan released

current stage

Queensland Transport is working closely with Gold Coast City Council, Department of Main Roads, Energex and Trackstar to ensure a quality urban environment for residents and visitors.

Community consultation continues

Community consultation on the Varsity Station Village project continues throughout 2008—but what a great response so far! Thank you to everyone who has visited our shopping centre displays, telephoned or emailed with your ideas and comments. Your input is helping us to understand what encourages you to use public transport and what your needs are.

The Draft Master Plan is due for release in Spring 2008. You will be able to provide feedback at information sessions (dates to be advised). In the meantime, please feel free to contact us.

What's happening with the rail project

Cleanup of the site started in July 2007 under plans approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. It should be completed by June 2008. A range of work, relevant to the rail project, is underway including:

- Excavation of 160,000 cubic metres of earth to construct the new rail corridor
- Completion of a new road-over-rail bridge on Investigator Drive
- Construction of new road and bridge at Robina Parkway; due to open in April 2008
- Removal of more than 465,000 tonnes of hardfill waste material from the future Varsity Lakes station site
- Construction underway of the 300 metre cut-and-cover tunnel under Easthill Drive.

Completion of the Varsity Lakes rail line is on schedule for 2010.

If you'd like to know more about what's happening with the rail project, please contact the Robina to Varsity Lakes Rail Extension project team on 1800 662 240 (freecall) or visit www.qr.com.au/seqip.



Queensland Transport's project team at Robina's Easy-T Shopping Centre on 22 November 2007; the team was also at Varsity Lakes' Market Central on 1 December.

Project contractors engaged

The planning of Varsity Station Village requires a mix of expertise. The project contractors engaged include urban designers, engineers, and sustainability, housing, financial and demographic experts. Urban designers, in particular, have been engaged to provide expert advice on the Draft Master Plan in the areas of building design, building heights, streetscapes, landscaping, land use mix and integration of the village into the surrounding community.



Frequently asked questions

What is Varsity Station Village?

Varsity Station Village will be built on a 14 hectare site bounded by the Pacific Motorway, Scottsdale Drive and Coromandel Lane. It will comprise a new train station (Varsity Lakes), bus interchange, retail shops, offices, new housing, parks and green spaces; the exact mix of which is yet to be decided. The Draft Master Plan is due to be released in Spring 2008.

When will it be finished?

The Varsity Lakes train station will open by 2010. Construction of Varsity Station Village should start around the time of the station opening.

What kind of transport will be available?

The rail station and a bus interchange will be at the heart of the Varsity Station Village project, providing connections to Brisbane, beaches and other Gold Coast attractions. Also, there will be paths and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, a park-and-ride facility for commuters, and pick-up and drop-off bays for taxis and cars.

Can I buy property at Varsity Station Village?

Most likely, but not yet. Details of how this development will be delivered are yet to be finalised.

What type of housing will be built?

There will be townhouses and apartments, suitable for singles through to families.

How do I find out about retail opportunities?

Once the Master Plan is approved, we will be in a better position to explore retail opportunities.

I'm concerned about access to the train station, particularly from the western side of the motorway. What is planned?

The Draft Master Plan will identify ways to improve access from Reedy Creek. Concepts to be considered include new bridge connections to improve access for pedestrians, cyclists, buses and cars.

Won't the streets around Varsity Station Village become congested?

A traffic management strategy will be included in the Draft Master Plan. The strategy will address the number of

car parking spaces to be provided, the mix of on-site activities, and ways of encouraging non-car based trips.

What parking will be available for shoppers and commuters?

The vision for Varsity Station Village includes a park-and-ride facility which will have 300 spaces for commuters. This facility will be accessed from Coromandel Lane. For shoppers, short term parking will be available on the street and underground.

Will noise from the motorway be a problem?

Traffic noise will be addressed in the Draft Master Plan. Potential noise barriers being investigated include fencing, landscaping and building design.

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What people are saying about Varsity Station Village



Kym – Varsity Lakes shop owner and resident

“Anything that brings in more people is good for business.”



Michael – works in Varsity lakes and Robina resident

“It's a great idea as long as there are regular links to Market Place.”

Want to know more?

If you would like to know more about the project or be on our mailing list, please contact the Queensland Transport project team on:

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Question 1: Varsity Station Village will be a compact urban village, containing ... (tick as many as applicable)

- Varsity Lakes train station
- Bus interchange
- Retail shops
- Commercial offices
- Townhouses and apartments
- Park and ride facility
- 300 parking spaces for commuters
- Pedestrian and cycle pathways and facilities
- All of the above

Question 2: Were you aware that community consultation continues throughout 2008 and you can still have your say?

- Yes
- No

Question 3: How did you first hear of the Varsity Station Village project?

- Newspaper (story or advertisement)
- Radio (news)
- Retail shops
- Printed material in your letterbox
- Shopping centre display
- Website
- Other (please specify)

Question 4: How do you feel about the project?

- Positive
- Neutral
- Negative

Question 5: Are you interested in being kept up-to-date as the project progresses? *

- Yes
- No

Question 6: If you are interested, what is the best way of communicating with you?

- Printed material in your letterbox
- Email
- Website
- Free events such as information sessions
- Advertisements in the newspaper
- Other (please specify)

Question 7: Would you be likely to attend ... (tick as many as applicable)

- Free sausage sizzle in a local park
- Information sessions on transit oriented developments and their future in Queensland
- Information sessions on the progress of Varsity Station Village
- Shopping centre displays

Question 8: If you would attend any of the above, when is the best time for you?

- Weeknight
- Saturday morning
- Saturday afternoon
- Sunday morning
- Sunday afternoon

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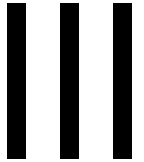
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