

Macarthur Newsletter

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Update on the Macarthur Heights community spaces

What's happening with the sports amenities building?

An amenities building will be built to service the new sports fields. It will include change rooms, toilets, a canteen and a meeting room.

The building is expected to be open for community use in 2028, subject to approvals. Work on the amenities building can only start when the sports fields are close to complete. This is due to the sequencing of construction.

As part of the amenities building, we are building multi-use courts. We recently asked the community for feedback on the types of courts that would be suitable. In response to feedback, we are exploring whether the space can support tennis, cricket nets, basketball and other uses.

We are now preparing a Review of Environmental Factors to assess the amenities building proposal under Division 5.1 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act. This planning pathway will help speed up the approval process so we can deliver the building as quickly as possible.

While we are aware that there is support for a community hall to be built as part of the amenities building, the design specifications have been set to meet Council's requirements. The sports fields and the sports amenities building will be handed over to Council to own and manage once works are complete.

What's happening with the sports fields precinct?

The sports fields precinct will include two ovals suitable for different sports and a new sports amenities building. We expect Council approval soon, and have scheduled work to start in 2025. We're looking forward to opening the precinct to the community in 2026.

Lake Thomson open day event



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What's happening at Lake Thomson?

Lake Thomson opened in August with a well-attended community event.

We received a number of questions from the local community about the use of the lake, and some concerns were raised about unsafe activities disturbing the local wildlife. In response to community requests, Landcom has worked with Council to install signs with guidelines about the park uses.

You will see two signs have been installed at the entrance to the park which set out rules and guidelines for how to use Lake Thomson.

Maintenance at Lake Thomson

Our contractor will continue to maintain the area for 12 months from when the park was completed in August 2024, at which point Council will take over the maintenance.

A number of copper fittings at Lake Thomson have been stolen and are being replaced with polycarbonate fittings to avoid future damage. Please keep an eye out and report any vandalism and suspicious activity at Lake Thomson to the police.

Please report any maintenance issues to the project team via macgardensnorth@landcom.nsw.gov.au

What's happening with the riparian corridors?

Works to create walking trails and habitat areas are progressing well and these areas should open in early 2025. The riparian corridors are natural water channels that we are upgrading to include footpaths, small crossings and native landscaping so the local community will be able to enjoy the bushland.

What's happening with the regional trail?

We are working with Sydney Trains, Transport for NSW and the Botanic Gardens of Sydney to confirm their technical requirements so we can finalise a development application to deliver part of the regional trail that will connect to the nearby botanic gardens. Works to create the pathway will start once approvals are in place.

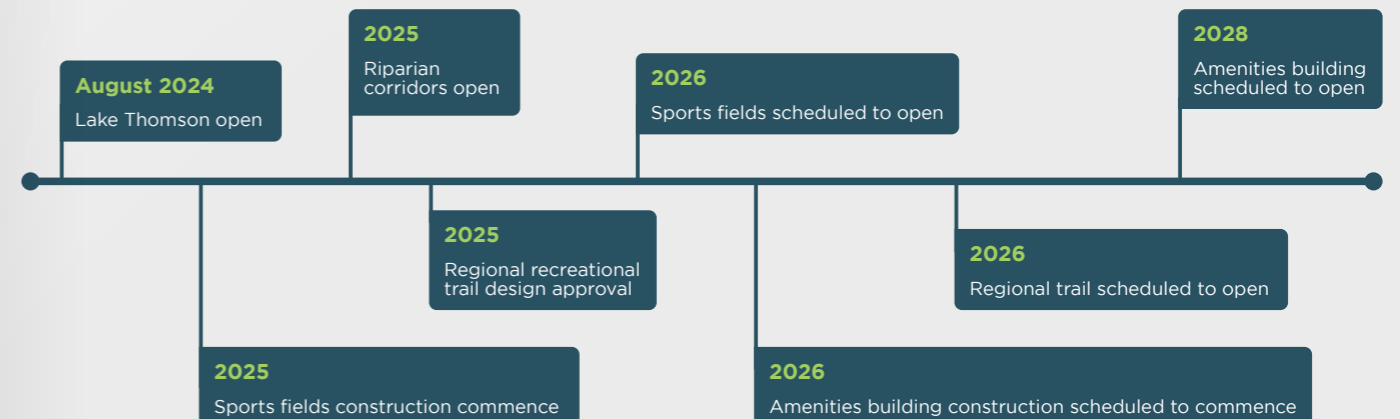


FAQs

Our webpage has been updated with answers to the frequently asked questions we've received about the amenities building.



Macarthur Heights open spaces timeline



Indicative timeline of when the open spaces are due to open

Construction update at Macarthur Gardens North

With bulk earthworks finishing in early 2025, the community will see less trucks travelling in and out of the site.

Civil works are underway to build the new roads, install utilities and construct new open spaces, including a station arrival plaza, fitness park and central park. The development will provide large open spaces and diverse housing close to public transport.

Pedestrian access

Every effort has been made to manage construction to minimise impacts to the community. We have ensured that pedestrian access through our site between Macarthur Station and Goldsmith Avenue has remained open during major construction works.

For safety reasons, there may be a short period of time when the new pedestrian bridge is installed, where it may not be possible to provide safe pedestrian access. We will ensure access to the train station is managed with a free shuttle bus service which will provide safe access to the train station and Macarthur Square from Goldsmith Avenue.

We will notify the community ahead of any major disruption to the pedestrian walkway.

Summary of feedback on plans for more homes at Macarthur Gardens North

Back in August, we talked to people about our proposal to increase the number of apartments at Macarthur Gardens North. It was an opportunity for the community to

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learn more about the proposal and understand why we think the site can support more homes given its location next to transport, shops, facilities, TAFE and the university.

We heard general support for green spaces, community facilities and shops, but also identified concerns about impacts on the area, specifically the local road network.

Technical studies, including additional traffic assessment, are complete and we are in the process of lodging the application with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure.

There will be an opportunity to make formal submissions during the public exhibition that will be managed by the Department in the new year.

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Construction works at Macarthur Gardens North

Construction hours are 7am-6pm Monday to Friday, 8am-5pm Saturdays, with no work on Sundays or public holidays.



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