



COMMUNITY UPDATE

PARKES SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT APRIL 2021

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is the new epicentre of the nation's freight network. Located at the crossroads of Australia's two major freight lines – and encompassing the existing National Logistics Hub – Parkes is an established gateway to national and global markets.

Construction contract awarded for Stage 1 work in Parkes Special Activation Precinct

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct is gearing up for construction with the contract to design and build the precinct being awarded to Fulton Hogan this month.

The work includes the design and construction of local road upgrades and supporting sewer and water facilities.

Work on the design is already underway and the construction team is expected on site in June 2021.

Early work will involve site surveys, geotechnical investigations, and utilities (water, electrical and gas) relocations.

Major construction work – which will include the upgrade of Brolgan Road to incorporate a roundabout with the new Coopers Road, two bridges over the

railway line, a new 30MVA substation and all associated utilities – is expected to begin in June 2021 and be complete by March 2023.

Once complete, the new infrastructure will open about 1500 hectares for development.

Special Activation Precincts are being delivered by the Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation and funded by the \$4.2 billion Snowy Hydro Legacy Fund.

To follow the progress of the Parkes Special Activation Precinct go to rgdc.nsw.gov.au

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION WORK



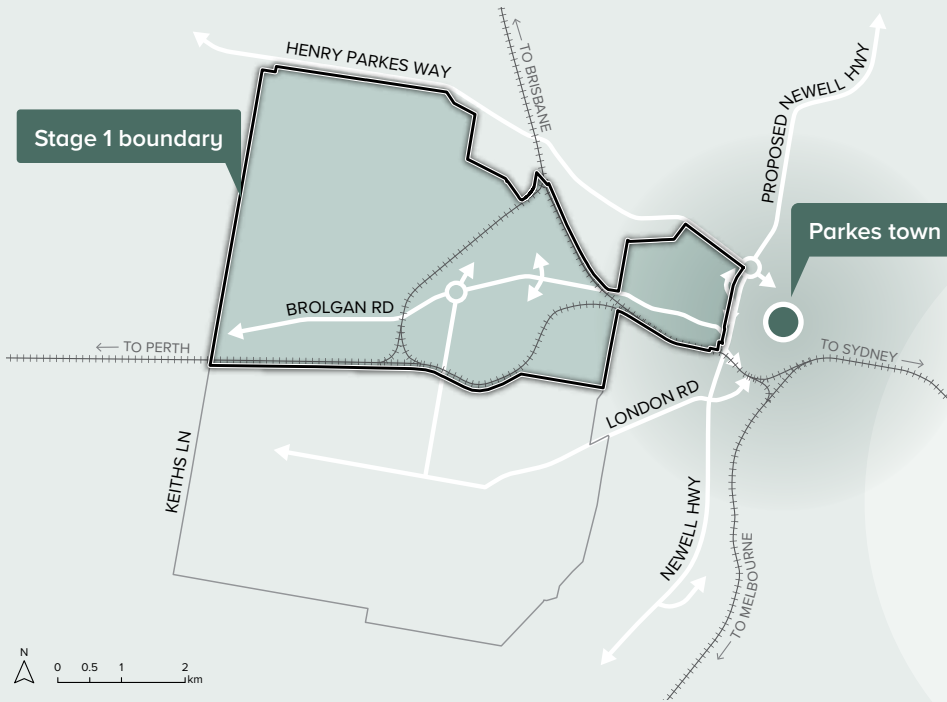
Brolgan Road upgrade



Two bridges over railway line



30MVA substation



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NSW Government to create blueprint for pathways to skilled jobs in Parkes

Parkes shire residents are set to benefit from a skills and workforce plan which will assist those looking to take advantage of the jobs created by the Parkes Special Activation Precinct.

The \$130,000 Parkes Workforce Skills Audit and Action Plan will outline the skills requirements for the anticipated new industries associated with the precinct and recommend training programs.

The aim is to upskill local residents and attract new workers to the region.

The Parkes Special Activation Precinct will create up to 3,000 jobs, with a focus on freight and logistics, resource recovery, value-added agriculture, and renewable energy.

The plan will provide industry with confidence that they will have ready access to skilled workers.

The NSW Government is working closely with local industries to tailor programs to their needs.

A taskforce has been established and consists of representatives from the Department of Regional NSW, local councils, the Central NSW Joint Organisation, NSW Department of Education and Training, Training Services NSW, TAFE, Country Universities Centre, Regional Development Australia, and indigenous organisations.

“This plan will provide young people in the Central West with a clear pathway to a skilled job,” Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW John Barilaro said.

“This means they will not have to leave town to forge a great career.”

The draft plan is due in the first quarter of 2021 and is one of several NSW Government initiatives aimed at attracting new industries and workers to regional NSW.

Next steps for Parkes precinct

Regional Growth NSW Development Corporation is finalising the delivery plan which is expected to be complete by the second quarter of 2021.

The delivery plan builds upon the principles and streamlined planning process outlined in the master plan. It provides clear requirements for developers looking to grow or establish their business in the precinct.

The delivery plan will go on notification on the NSW’s Government’s Planning Portal once released.

Development applications can be considered once this period had been finalised.

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