

# The Area News

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## Strategy's foundations providing for success

THE recent sale of the former water reservoir site in Yambil Street has paved the way for even further development in the City of Griffith.

Already with major establishments in the pipeline and coupled with existing outlets, it would be fair to say that employment options in the future are looking very positive.

Melbourne-based company, Peninsula Development Group,

proposes to transform the two-hectare vacant block into a vibrant retail square with more than 50 speciality retail outlets, a six cinema entertainment complex, food court, major national discount department store, supermarket and 600 space carpark.

The project, which will create more than 600 jobs and 300 jobs during construction, is expected to provide a significant boon to services and facilities for the

city of Griffith and the surrounding Western Riverina region.

While there may be reservations as to whether a city the size of Griffith will be able to sustain such development, it is a positive sign that people from outside see the city as a place worth backing.

Over the years, Griffith has been one of the growth centres of the country and developments such as those on the

drawing board at present serve to assist this growth.

However, as with everything, the growth needs to be monitored to ensure it does not outstrip local resources and the ability of infrastructure to support associated expansion.

This is where it is the responsibility of Griffith City Council to ensure the growth continues but in a sustainable fashion.

Griffith will always be a wealthy town for reasons that

are many and varied.

To remain in such a position though will require a sensible and considered approach to planning and development.

This is why Griffith council developed the Growth Strategy 2030 several years ago.

By planning ahead for the future, council has gone a long way towards ensuring the success of not only those who are new to the city, but those who have long called it home.