Operational Future of The Hills Shire Council

The Hills Shire Council is relocating to Norwest

Q: Where are we moving to?

A: Council has purchased the C3 Building located at 3 Columbia Court, Baulkham Hills (fronting Windsor Road) featuring 4 levels of office space and parking for over 600 vehicles.

Q: What is the cost to the community?

A: The costs involved in the purchase of the C3 building are currently subject to confidentiality agreements, however we can assure residents that the business case for the move is very strong, has the full support of Councillors and has been fully accepted by the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Hills Shire Council is debt free and will remain debt free following this purchase. We remain proud of our financial management and performance and believe the purchase of the C3 building in Norwest secures the operational future of The Hills Shire Council for our employees and residents.

Q: Why are we moving?

A: The construction of the North West Rail Link will significantly impact on Council's Operations Centre and surrounds which will see the area experience heightened construction activity over the length of the rail link's construction. Council is in negotiations with the NSW Government over acquisition of some of its current site to be used for the new station and future rail parking.

The proposed station, now located in the south east corner of the site, protects the Castle Hill Showground and ensures it remains a prominent part of any future leisure precinct.

To ensure The Hills Shire Council can continue to provide the full range of services to the community at the level residents require the decision was made to take the opportunity to secure a building in Norwest Business Park after considering a number of alternative locations and options.

The purchase of the C3 building in Norwest carries significantly less financial risk than Council locating and purchasing land and constructing a new building.

Q: When are we moving?

A: Council's Operations Centre Workshop activities will be temporarily located at a site in the Gibbons Road Light Industrial Area at Baulkham Hills (near Winston Hills Mall).

The C3 building represents a significant opportunity to outfit a building in the late stages of completion to the specific needs of the community and the staff who will work within its walls. It is expected to take at least 18 months to fit-out the premises before it is ready for use.