WE'RE MOVING OUR ADMINISTRATION OFFICE TO A SINGLE HIGH-PERFORMANCE HEADQUARTERS AT 12 STEWART AVENUE IN NEWCASTLE WEST FROM MID-2019.

The new building near the Newcastle Interchange will provide a much better customer contact centre and help our staff work together to deliver better services for you.

With the city’s CBD moving west, it’s important we move with it.

WE'RE RENEWING BERESFIELD'S COMMERCIAL CENTRE AS PART OF OUR LOCAL AND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRES PROGRAM.

Following community consultation, the renewal will include new street furniture, upgrades to road and pedestrian lighting, new cycleways, kerbs, gardens and paths and the introduction of free Wi-Fi to the precinct.

A 40km/h zone and associated traffic-calming devices will help reduce speed and increase safety for all road users in the area.

Deciduous pink Crepe Myrtles will be planted along sections of Lawson Avenue, Addison Street and Newton Street, while the distinctive species Zelkova seratta (also known as Green Vase) will feature in large raised planters on Beresford Avenue.

Work is expected to be completed by the end of 2018, weather permitting.

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