



Shoppers countdown to opening

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ROCKHAMPTON shoppers are already counting down the days to the opening of stage one of the new \$93 million Stockland redevelopment at North Rockhampton.

Stockland Rockhampton manager Brett Leonard has confirmed the new shopping arcade-style walkway across Moores Creek that will connect Stockland with the redeveloped Kmart complex, will open to shoppers in six weeks.

He said shoppers could look forward to a big focus on fashion, with a special precinct incorporating stores such as Ally Fashion, Diva, Witchery, Tarocash, Novo Shoes, Bras N Things and yd.

"Our leasing team have worked hard to ensure the residents of Rockhampton are not left wanting," Brett said.

A gymnasium, cafes, jewellery shops, homewares, local retailers and an additional pharmacy, newsagent and travel operator would be among the 45 new retailers in stage one, set to open in mid-August.

Staff at the new Coles supermarket have already begun setting up shop and Kmart will move onto the new complex before the official opening, which will be celebrated with a major three-day sale.

Brett said he expected the opening to be huge, and invited everyone in the Rockhampton region to go along. "This is something they have been awaiting for a long time." Brett said.

Once opened, the expanded Stockland complex will be one of biggest shopping centres in Queensland.

This bright new, lightfilled, modern complex, with timber features and bright paintwork, will feature a glass wall overlooking a rejuvenated Moores Creek.

Brett said once the centre opened, the old Kmart building would be completely demolished and rebuilt as part of stage two of the developed shopping centre.

Stage two, which will feature an extra 15 new retailers, is expected to be opened in 12 months. Confirmed stores to open in the new Stockland redevelopment are: Jetts Fitness Rockhampton, Zarraffas Coffee, Autograph, The Coffee Club, Roger David, Foxx Foe, Aly Fashion, Mystique, Silver Shop, Diva, Butterfly Silver, Dusk, Novo Shoes, Bras N Things, yd, Tarocash, The Perfume Connection and Witchery.