



First sod of soil turned on \$22m Coomera Hub

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CONSTRUCTION has started on the \$22 million Coomera Hub, or Upper Coomera Centre, which will provide desperately needed facilities for the growing northern corridor.

The new complex will have a 25m pool, play area, cafe, library, as well as computer training and meetings rooms.

It will house a customer service centre, councillor's office, large hall and parking for 170 cars.

Area councillor Donna Gates said plans for the centre, at the corner of Abraham and Reserve roads, started two years ago and the new facility would meet the future growth of the area.

"Upper Coomera and neigh-

bouring Kingsholme is one of the fastest growing regions on the Gold Coast, which had an average of 13.4 per cent annual growth between 2005 and 2010," she said.

"According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, by 2031 its population is expected to top 37,000 and these two suburbs are home to a young population compared to the rest of the Coast."

Cr Gates said the last census showed 66 per cent of the city's population was younger than 50 and 83.4 per cent of the Upper Coomera and Kingsholme population was within this age group.

"Community facilities help

instil a strong social fabric and it's important Upper Coomera residents receive a hub in recognition of recent and future growth," she said. The importance of the Upper Coomera Centre was underlined by a \$2 million grant from the Federal Government's Department of Regional Development and Local Government.

As part of demolition works, the Upper Coomera Valley Rotary group has salvaged furniture which it will use in community activities.

Construction of the Upper Coomera Centre is expected to finish in early 2013.



An artist's impression of the \$22 million Coomera Hub which will include a 25m pool, play area, cafe, library, as well as computer training and meetings rooms.

ON THE MOVE

Development in the Coomera region – the Gold Coast's fastest-growing northern corridor – has continued to increase, with more than \$5.9 billion planned or begun.