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BIG PLANS: The Highfields village shopping centre is undergoing major redevelopment.

Big redevelopment at Highfields village

THE continued growth of the Highfields community has sparked a multi-million dollar expansion of the village shopping centre.

Local private developer Lauder Pty Ltd has announced plans to refurbish and expand the centre including significantly increasing the size of the existing Woolworths supermarket as well as adding a fast-food precinct adjacent to McDonald's.

There is also the possibility of a petrol outlet on a stand-alone pad.

A reconfigured car park will provide extra spaces and improved access.

The centre will receive landscaping and signage upgrades.

Lauder, the developer of the Highfields residential community, has begun construction of the Highfields Village redevelopment program in response to the growing needs of the fast-growing community.

Lauder is investing $7 million in the shopping centre redevelopment, while Woolworths is undertaking a $6 million upgrade and expansion of its existing store by 1200sq m to create a new full-line, fully branded Woolworths supermarket totalling 3830sq m.

A new 460sq m free-standing building will be added to the centre, adjacent to the existing McDonalds, to increase the centre's takeaway food offering.

Civic Video will relocate to larger premises in this building, which also will house new retailers Cracker Jack Chicken and Abra Kebab, and a children's play area.

The new fast-food precinct is forecast to open early next month, with the expanded Woolworths store expected to be completed by December.

The centre will continue to trade throughout the expansion works program.

Managing director of Lauder, Mac Stirling, said the expansion plans demonstrated strong confidence in the growth forecasts for the local community.

He said the current Highfields population of approximately 11,510 was set to increase by a further 78% to 20,600 people by 2026.

The redevelopment will feature the latest in environmental and sustainability practices.