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PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

- The transformation of land on Union Road and another site on Reserve Street, Penrith, are both one step closer, now Expressions of Interest (EOI) from investors have closed. Penrith City Council's Economic Initiatives Manager said investor response to the EOI for the city centre had been strong and Council hopes to finalise a shortlist of proponents by March. After that, a Request for Proposal process can get underway and successful proponents expand on ideas, that fit with Council's vision. Between the two separate sites, Council aims to provide 1000 car parks, apartments, restaurants, cafes and bars plus aged care and seniors housing.
- Building up into the sky could be the next trend in the Penrith area, as Penrith City Council is seeking to amend their Penrith Local Environment Plan 2010. Council is looking to increase current building height and floor space ratio controls for land identified as a 'Key Site'. A report to Council in December suggested that it is important to apply a contemporary approach to managing how higher buildings are facilitated in Penrith, and this can provide such a mechanism.
- Council has received planning proposals that could deliver up to 4,000 apartments in the city centre. 2,000 residential dwellings have been proposed for the 'Parkview' site on Station Street, and will include a combination of apartment types with solar access, cross ventilation and views to the Blue Mountains. The Sinclair Hyundai site at High and Union Streets is another proposal for a mixed use development that includes 850 apartments. A third proposal is for another mixed use development, this time for Thornton, that endeavours to increase the supply and choice of housing across Penrith and maximise livability.
- Council has received a development application to demolish the existing fast food restaurant at 199-201 Boronia Road, St Marys and build a brand new one. If approved, the \$3 million commercial development will see the new fast food restaurant trade 24 hours a day. The site is currently the location of McDonald's St Marys North.
- The first Council meeting of 2016 will be an Ordinary Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday, February 8. It is open to the public.