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WEST RYDE COMMUNITY CENTRE CONSTRUCTION COMMENCEMENT

The Mayor Clr Michael Butterworth will attend a ground breaking ceremony marking the commencement of construction of the West Ryde Community Centre on Wednesday 30 June.

The Council-owned centre will be located on the corner Anthony and Reserve Roads West Ryde and will comprise a four-storey community facility that will provide a one-stop-shop for child and family support services, offering:

- A child care centre with an outdoor play area
- A family day care centre – a central location for home day carers to access training, information and playgroup facilities
- A centre for early childhood health offering advice and support for parents
- Family support services– offering parenting programs and counselling services
- A new community hall
- A small number of shops and commercial tenancies
- Underground car park for clients of the centre.

The Mayor, Clr Michael Butterworth said: “A modern, purpose built community centre of this calibre has been a long term vision of this Council.”

“We foresee that the West Ryde Community Centre will become not only the central hub of community services in the area but also a benchmark project for future community service centres.”

Construction is expected to take approximately 14 months with the new Centre opening in mid 2011.

Following completion of the Community Centre, the developer Coles will construct a seven-story mixed-use building, including a supermarket, commercial spaces, residential units and underground parking on the existing car park site fronting Betts Street .A new village square to be constructed will also provide a piazza-style outdoor area for meeting, entertainment, relaxation and the arts.

For more details go to www.westrydeurbanvillage.com.au

Photo Opportunity:**Commencement Ceremony****Wednesday 30 June, 2010. 11.30am****Attending: Clr Michael Butterworth-City of Ryde Mayor, Reg Binding-Coles (Developer), David Upton-Builtform Construction (Builder)****Media contact: Lee Kirkland City of Ryde Media Officer 9952 8083**