



Foundations being laid for the Coast's new city centre

THE foundations of the Sunshine Coast's new city centre are about to be laid as project developer SunCentral lays out the year ahead for the 53ha CBD development.

SunCentral CEO John Knaggs' January update on the development indicated foundations would be laid shortly, with civil construction works beginning on the first stage of the development this month.

Mr Knaggs said the year ahead would be a busy one for the project, but much of the site's transformation would be happening underground.

NBN Co, Telstra and Smart City fibre optic conduits will be laid, providing the telecommunications network of the future Maroochydore city centre on the site of the old Horton Park Golf Course.



FUTURE: Artist impression of the Corso West at SunCentral, Maroochydore.

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The first shipment of pipes from South Korea for the \$21 million, underground, automated waste-collection service has also arrived, with installation of that system to begin when civil construction starts on the CBD's core commercial precinct.

A specialist engineer will travel to the site to oversee installation of that system.

Mr Knaggs' update said powerlines, water mains and stormwater drains would be installed this year while for

those eagerly watching the development take shape, there will be some ground-level action this year.

The city centre's first roads and pavements will be laid and a new park will be created along with an east-west waterway.

The first roads will form part of 7.5km of new roads that will make up the streetscape while 9.73ha of waterways will meander through the CBD.

Almost eight hectares of parkland will dot the area which will feature 65,000sq m of retail floor space, 2000 residential apartments and almost 125,000sq m of commercial space.

Expressions of interest are open for the first precincts being developed, precincts three and six, which make up part of the principal CBD zone and include the urban square.