

Spruced-up plaza to be Urbia's hub



Treetops Plaza will be the centre of a major development for Burleigh.

RAYJON Group has completed a refurbishment of Treetops Plaza at Burleigh as part of a plan to make the shopping centre the hub of a \$500 million development with retail, residential and commercial precincts.

Rayjon, linked to John Hembrow, lodged an application for the project, Urbia Burleigh, with the city council in 2010 and approvals were granted last December.

General manager Jeremy Dunn said the \$2 million refurbishment would make Treetops Plaza a more appealing destination and was the first step in the development of Urbia Burleigh, to be rolled out over a number of years.

"The development will be staged in alignment with market demand and the existing retail tenants, such as Coles, will form the core of Urbia Burleigh's retail hub," Mr Dunn said.

"As such, we considered it important to upgrade the centre in the short term so it can achieve its full potential.

"We are excited at the prospect

of creating a major urban village that will deliver a fusion of world-class residential living with a retail hub where people can live, work, shop and enjoy the best of the Burleigh lifestyle.

"The blending of high-street shopping with residential and commercial space has proven successful in Australia and overseas and our vision to revitalise Treetops will benefit our tenants and service the requirements of Australia's fastest-growing city."

The first stage of Urbia Burleigh will comprise a significant retail element including long-term anchor tenant Coles, together with commercial and residential buildings.

Proposed future stages will lift the total number of buildings to nine.

Urbia Burleigh will include a leafy town square and have strong links to public transport networks.

There will be basement parking and motorists will benefit from a new intersection off Ber-

muda St, to be funded by Rayjon.

The refurbished Treetops Plaza, developed by Rayjon in 1992, will be relaunched on July 7 and a number of events are planned on the day to mark its two decades of service.

The \$2 million refurbishment has included the upgrade of the outlets of existing tenants and also has brought new tenants to Treetops Plaza.

Chemist Warehouse has opened a 550sq m store, its fourth and largest outlet on the Gold Coast.

Coles has upgraded its 3037sq m store to its new, more user-friendly format in line with refurbishments of its stores nationwide.

The Euro-Grill cafe has been established at the centre's main entrance and boasts an alfresco dining deck in line with the lifestyle intent of the makeover.

In addition to a new colour scheme and logo, Rayjon has introduced environmental initiatives including LED lighting and roof-covering that slashes the centre's carbon footprint.