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A huge weekend planned

By TANYA PATTISON

THOUSANDS of visitors are expected to flock to the city this long weekend as Griffith hosts three key events.

Griffith Visitors Centre manager Janine Rolles said the Sikh Games, UnWINEd and the Garraburni Multicultural Festival should all make for an action-packed weekend.

"The town is almost fully booked, which is great to see," she said.

Mayor Dino Zappacosta said it was a chance to be a part of three unique experiences.

"The Sikh Games, which attracts thousands from across three states, now have their own national identity," he said.

"UnWINEd always attracts big crowds who enjoy wine and food tasting and entertainment.

"And the Garraburni festival, with its 20 different nationalities performing, is a wonderful way to wrap up the weekend."

Or Zappacosta said the "huge" weekend offers plenty for everyone.

"The great thing is that the events are spread throughout the weekend," he said.

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CONSTRUCTION of Griffith's newest and largest shopping centre is moving ahead swiftly, with an August opening marked on the calendar.

All systems go

Shops on target for August opening

By BRYDIE FLYNN

TAKE a sneak peek inside the city's newest and largest shopping centre. In under three months, you will

be able to enter Griffith Central via a glass lift, travelator or one of the three main street entrances.

Passing the modern grey stone facade, you will enter a wide mall

surrounded by 32 specialty stores and 10 kiosks.

Construction of the shopping centre is moving ahead swiftly, with

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● Check out the floorplan

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AN ARTIST'S impression of the new shopping centre.

August opening for shopping mecca

■ From Front Page developers - The Peninsula Group - expecting the centre will be open for trade in August.

The building, supported by 1500 tonnes of steel, has come together with the help of 150 tradesmen over the past 12 months.

With the centre's two largest stores - Ritchies Supa IGA (2500 sq m) and Target (3832 sq m) - completed, workmen have now started on the finishing touches.

Peninsula development group CEO Simon Morris said shoppers could look forward to a cosmopolitan feel inside the centre.

"It's all very modern. There will be a warm and inviting finish with a European feel and it will all be very user friendly," Mr Morris said.

"We have tried to keep it all very open so people are not on top of each other. We want it to be an inviting meeting place."

He said he expected the 300-seat food court to be popular. "Our research has shown that there aren't that many



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places to eat unless you go out to a restaurant. The food court at the plaza is always full," he said.

Although the development has not been free from community ill feeling, he said Griffith stood to benefit immensely from the new centre, which would create about 600 new jobs.

"There will also be new retail offers that aren't currently in town and it will give the community a broader

range of shops that aren't here," Mr Morris said.

Although he would not reveal an exact opening date, he said the centre was likely to open on time, if not early.

"We are running on schedule. Whether we will be ahead of schedule, we will only know that over the next few months," he said.

"There will be a formal opening - the likes of which has never been seen in Griffith."

What's in store?

- Gloria Jeans Coffee
- Supanews Newsagency
- Millers' Fashion Club
- Ed Harry
- Stores already announced:
- Chemist Warehouse
- Flight Centre
- Fonezone
- Man to Man
- Target
- Ritchies Supa IGA supermarket

Others close to signing:

- Footwear
- Jewellery
- Butcher
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