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\$60m shopping centre is planned for Griffith

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The joint pioneers of Solo and Liberty Oil, David Goldberger and David Wieland, have announced plans for a \$60 million shopping centre in Griffith, NSW.

The proposed complex is part of an aggressive, \$160 million eastern states retail development program being rolled out by the Peninsula Development Group.

Peninsula, which is jointly owned by Mr Goldberger and Mr Wieland, has snared development approvals for three smaller Queensland centres and hopes to get the official green light for its Griffith project early next year.

The 14,000 square metre complex is planned for a 2 hectare site acquired from the Griffith council.

Included in the Griffith shopping centre will be a six-cinema complex, a discount department store and about 50 specialty tenancies. The retail centre is scheduled to open at Easter 2005, according to a Peninsula spokesperson.

Recently Peninsula gained development approval for a 3600 sq m shopping centre in the western Brisbane suburb of Jindalee, which will be anchored by a 2500 sq m BiLo supermarket.

Further north, the company is readying to start construction on a 2750 sq m complex at Maleny, a township in the Sunshine Coast hinterland.

Most advanced is a 4300 sq m complex south-east of Gladstone on the Queensland coast at Tannum Sands. This centre, which includes a 2500 sq m Coles supermarket, is due to open in April next year.

Another wave of retail projects will be announced during the next 12 months with a total value of \$175 million and 50,000 sq m in shopping centre tenancies.

These proposed developments will be in Victoria and NSW as well as Queensland.

Mr Goldberger and Mr Wieland are also involved in the national rollout of Direct Factory Outlets.