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Work starts on project to bring education into city's heart

The University of Tasmania today turned the sod on a bold plan to bring education into the heart of Burnie.

Representatives from the University, Burnie City Council and Tasmanian construction firm Fairbrother took part in the event to mark the start of construction on a new educational precinct for the city and wider region.

The building project at West Park includes the construction of 40 student apartments, refurbishment of the heritage listed Domestic Arts building, and development of teaching and learning facilities within the Makers' Workshop.

Funding for the \$4.6 million accommodation project has come from the National Rental Affordability Scheme.

University Pro Vice-Chancellor (Community, Partnerships and Regional Development), Professor Janelle Allison said the project would help shape the future of educational opportunities in the region.

“Creating a learning precinct in the heart of the city makes a statement about the importance of education to the future of the North-West,” Professor Allison said.

“We are very excited to be developing a unique living and learning environment that will link West Park with other campuses and provide a range of education opportunities that take full advantage of the central site.”

The buildings are expected to be ready for occupation in February next year, and will include landscaping that links new and existing structures.

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