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Major \$5m redevelopment of South Toowoomba Shell & Coles Express announced

A MAJOR \$5m redevelopment and expansion of the existing Shell and Coles Express site on the corner of Ruthven and Alderley Streets, South Toowoomba, has been announced by the Toowoomba-based owner-developer Hallmark Property.

Demolition of the existing site will commence in late February 2017, with the site expected to re-open in September 2017 offering an enhanced customer experience with the latest service station technology, dining, takeaway food options, drive-through coffee and modern facilities.

The redeveloped site will be reconfigured and re-tanked to provide 8 bowsers with 16 fill locations, each with five grades of fuel including diesel, offering 24-hour fuel and convenience shopping.

Hallmark Property spokesperson Heath Knox said the intersection of Ruthven and Alderley Streets is one of the most sought-after locations in Toowoomba.

"Shell and Coles Express will be leasing the redeveloped site, which is the only service station south-bound from the Toowoomba CBD, for a further 15-year term, demonstrating a strong commitment to its ongoing success," Mr Knox said.

"Shell Coles Express is a valued brand in Toowoomba and existing customers will still be able to redeem Coles fuel docketts and collect Flybuys points at the redeveloped service station," he said.

Signaling confidence in the Toowoomba economy, two iconic Toowoomba brands – Pump drive-thru coffee and gourmet café and Stoney the Fishmonger – are expanding and opening additional stores at this redeveloped location.

Pump drive-thru coffee and gourmet café, a local business established in 2011, is currently operating at two Toowoomba locations – Russell Street and Taylor Street.

Pump owner Tracie Batzloff said she is excited to be opening a new concept store called Pump Xpress at the Shell and Coles Express redevelopment, offering the home-cooked home-style food Pump is known for, with a strong focus on fast, fresh, healthy food to go.

"Pump Xpress will also expand upon the existing Pump drinks menu, introducing a new range of juices and smoothies available at the drive-thru," Mrs Batzloff said.

"Our loyal following of regular customers can continue to enjoy the quality drive-thru and casual dining experience that Pump is known for at the new Pump Xpress store, with an emphasis on great coffee, tasty gourmet food and exceptional service," she said.



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The food offering continues with Stoney the Fishmonger, a family owned and operated local business currently located at the corner of Herries and Hume Streets, Toowoomba, known as Stoney's.

Owner Megan Stone said she is thrilled to be opening the second Stoney's store at the Shell and Coles Express redevelopment offering high quality, fresh, pre-packaged and ready to eat seafood meals.

"Our focus is on providing customers with a seafood experience usually only available at the coast, receiving fresh produce from the Brisbane fish markets and suppliers, more than five times per week and supplying some of Toowoomba's finest restaurants," Mrs Stone said.

"We will continue to provide quality fresh and cooked seafood, with all takeaway dishes prepared using simple recipes where the seafood is the star," she said.

"Gluten free batter will be available daily plus special menu items including dims sims made on-site from fresh prawns, prawn toasts made from fresh prawns and mackerel, grilled fish and salads.

"Our new store will also offer the everyday takeaway menu options available at our existing store including grilled, crumbed and battered seafood, seafood salads, coleslaw, seafood burgers and sandwiches, chips and more."

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Hallmark Property is a Toowoomba-based property and land developer with more than 20 years' experience developing premium commercial and residential sites in the Toowoomba region.

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