An economically revitalised community

The West Park redevelopment will drive social, cultural and economic change in North West Tasmania. Communities and economies rebuilt around knowledge and learning.

$109 million

Direct and indirect economic impact during construction

$66 million

Additional ongoing annual economic impact

3,000

Students and staff in the heart of Burnie

348

New construction, professional and academic jobs

Local industry growth

Through research, innovation, education and strong industry partnerships

More detailed community feedback is available at utas.edu.au/transformation

The West Park Master Plan

The University of Tasmania is progressing plans for a modern, purpose-built campus at West Park, Burnie. We have already completed a number of infrastructure projects on the site, including the refurbishment of the Makers’ Workshop and Domestic Arts building and construction of 40 student apartments.

We have now finalised the master plan for the next stage of development, which will incorporate new buildings for teaching, learning and research constructed along the waterfront as well as car parking and landscaping.

The new West Park campus will create a vibrant academic community in the heart of Burnie, with community spaces, contemporary learning and research environments, and innovative courses on offer. There is capacity for growth in student numbers as the University strives to attract more Tasmanians into higher education. The design will also conserve the unique social, cultural and environmental attributes of the site.

Community feedback

We have consulted extensively with the local community in relation to the new West Park campus and have incorporated your feedback into the final master plan. Here is a summary of the key themes identified.

Courses
The new campus will create opportunities to increase student numbers and expand course delivery. A range of new associate degrees will also be offered, which are shorter, more flexible and relevant degrees designed around the needs of local industry.

Views
The design of buildings will ensure existing views will be preserved on the site. The selected master plan also has lower building height.

Building design sustainability
Buildings will be designed to five Green Star certification standard.

Environment
The new development will be sensitive to the natural environment, placing a high importance on the protection of native flora and fauna, including the penguin colony and coastline.

Moorville Road
We continue to work with the Department of Education, who own the site, and the Burnie City Council to resolve the future use of the site.

Access and car parking
The new campus will feature easy pedestrian access and 445 car parks.

The rail line
The development will complement the rail line should it be re-commissioned in the future.

Relocation of bands
The bands will have access to like-for-like or improved facilities on the site.