Student facility improvements on the way with UniCentre’s 2015/16 Refurbishment

Students will enjoy big improvements to retail, dining and health, services thanks to refurbishments underway and proposed at the University of Wollongong’s UniCentre.

The $4.3 million dollar upgrade to the campus’ main shopping, dining, social, event and services hub includes an IGA grocery outlet, proposed expansion of medical and health services, refurbished food hall, kitchen refit, and a new retail space. The area will be further enhanced with landscaping, alfresco terrace extending from the food hall and pedestrian access.

Retail options will be expanded with the installation of an IGA grocery outlet, incorporating a DIY meal preparation facility), while the existing Fuel will be replaced by a new non-food retail tenant.

After refocusing its function business around large events held in the University Hall the UniCentre refurbishment will be decommissioning Uni Venues function rooms to make way for the relocation of existing medical and health services - Campus health, along with Careers and Health and Wellbeing.

The University Hall kitchen is being refurbished with an upgrade to better service large functions and the existing food hall, which is the campus’ main indoor dining venue, will be modernised with new furniture, décor and a more flexible layout that improves its capacity during wet weather or special events.

New timber decking and paving will enhance the area, while trees and gardens will screen the loading dock facilities for an improved streetscape on Northfields Ave.

Work began on stage one of the 10-month project—the refit of the University Hall kitchen—in July. The campus health, proposed medical spaces along with office occupancy is scheduled for completion in early December, while the upgraded food court is planned to be ready for the start of Autumn session next year. The IGA installation and new retail space are planned to be completed by early to mid-April 2016.

The UniCentre refurbishment has been specifically designed to meet the needs of the growing student population on campus. Providing these new and improved facilities on campus will not only enhance the experience for the students but also prepare UOW to service the growing number of students being accommodated on campus in the coming years.