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Green Light at Menangle

Benedict Industries, together with our partners Mirvac and the Halfpenny family, are proud to announce that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment have now approved the rezoning of our Souwest Development Menangle lands. After years working with the community “we are committed to further engaging with the council and the community to create a community that reflects that character of Menangle,” said Mr Toby Long, Mirvac General Manager of Residential NSW.

“Our focus at this early stage has been to develop a plan that embraces the rural character of Menangle with appropriate housing and generous open space and guarantees the future of treasured heritage items such as the Camden Park Estate Central Creamery and Rotolactor.”

“This is something we have done with great success at Harold Park in Sydney where we restored and adapted the old tram depot to become Tramsheds.”

“In doing so we not only created a new community heart for the 3000 residents at Harold Park but a favourite new foodie destination for the wider community.”

Souwest Development’s plan for Menangle is to restore the old Menangle Creamery and Rotolactor as a tourism destination, along with developing a nearby housing estate of 350 new houses. We also intend to repurpose existing structures and build a precinct comprising of a hotel, bakery, farmers market, lemon grove, children’s farm and playground, undercover and open event spaces, function centre, restaurant, bars, micro-brewery and distillery, wine bar, bistro, vegetable gardens and outdoor amphitheatre.

This undertaking is likely to cost more than \$15 million and take two years. “ Every single building gets restored,” said Mr Ernest Dupere Director of Souwest Developments.

"We're fantasising about having concerts. Given we've got our own train station, we don't see why we can't compete with the Hunter Valley."

Former Wollondilly mayor Judith Hannan told the Sydney Morning Herald last year that after years of opposition by some residents, she hoped the approval of the new development would attract tourists to Menangle.

While most of the Rotolactor would need to be removed, the hope is the Creamery could be turned into "something wonderful" along the lines of Annandale's Tramsheds.

"It's a really interesting old area," Ms Hannan said.

"Now that it's approved I really hope these buildings get restored and become something that we're really proud of."

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