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**Amazon to deliver hundreds of new jobs in the City of Melton**

Melton City Council has welcomed news that Amazon Australia will open a huge new fulfilment centre in the City of Melton late next year, creating hundreds of local jobs and boosting the local economy.

The major online retail platform today announced the 37,000 square-metre centre is under construction in Ravenhall, making it Amazon’s second fulfilment centre in the state and more than doubling Amazon’s operational footprint in Victoria.

Once complete, Amazon says the facility will create 300 ongoing jobs, adding to 200 already created for construction.

Melton City Council CEO Kelvin Tori said having Amazon in Ravenhall would benefit all involved, including local residents.

“We welcome Amazon to the City of Melton and look forward to the fantastic opportunities they’ll deliver to people in the west,” Mr Tori said.

“Amazon’s decision to base its new fulfilment centre here makes great business sense and is a massive win for local jobs growth.

“To have an industry leader and major employer like Amazon invest in the City of Melton demonstrates the outstanding opportunities our city’s prime location and highly skilled workforce provides. We offer links to major transport routes by rail, sea and air, and a diverse and growing workforce of degree-qualified professionals, trade professionals and young job seekers.

“As one of Australia’s fastest growing cities, it’s investment like this that will strengthen our economy and help ensure more local families can find work close to home.”

Amazon is now another high profile tenant of Dexus’ Horizon 3023 estate in Ravenhall, joining the likes of Scalzo Foods. The estate is in a prime position nearby the Western Highway and Caroline Springs Station and is among an abundance of quality industrial and commercial land in the City of Melton.

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