

## Moreton News

# More than 9000 jobs up for grabs as development growth opens up opportunities for job seekers in Moreton region

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**THE upcoming boom of jobs in the North Lakes region will have an impact so big it will directly affect the unemployment rate.**

That's the assessment of Sarina Russo Strathpine Manager Matt Perry, who said interest in projects like Costco was at an highest high among local job seekers.

The **North Lakes Times** (<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/moreton>) can reveal almost 9500 jobs are up for grabs in the next two years in the trade, management and retail sectors.

The bulk will come from the Moreton Bay Rail Link (8000), but will also include Costco (410), Bunnings North Lakes (160), Bunnings Brendale (420) and Super Retail Group's Distribution Centre at Brendale (620).

"That's huge. We're talking large international organisations." Mr Perry said.

"I haven't seen this kind of growth this quickly before."

Small Area Labour Market figures for the quarter from December 2012 to March 2013 have the unemployment rate in Mango Hill/Griffin at 4.8 per cent, below the national average of 5.7 per cent.

"We'll see it (local unemployment rate) come down," he said.

Mr Perry said the of the roughly 1000 clients served by Sarina Russo Strathpine, close to 90 per cent were interested in retail or warehouse work.

But he said there would be another side to the story, with the impact on small "mum and dad" businesses yet to be seen.

American retail giant Costco did not put a date on when applications for retail are set to open when contacted by the *North Lakes Times*.

But construction on the \$35 million project began earlier this month.

The \$38 million Bunnings North Lakes will open it's doors in late October.

Recruitment for the project is almost completed, with 160 positions once complete, with more than 230 jobs were created during construction.

It will be the biggest Bunnings in Queensland, at a size of store size of more than 19,000 square metres and parking for 490 cars.