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Moving on with the BlueScope Port Kembla Community Campus and Community Hub

Community Industry Group and The Flagstaff Group are excited to begin work with BlueScope, service providers and the local community on a project to bring new facilities and opportunities to the Port Kembla area.

At BlueScope's 90th birthday celebration ceremony, the keys for several disused buildings were gifted to Community Industry Group and the Flagstaff Group to be repurposed into new community focussed facilities.

'The buildings are located off Flagstaff Road in Port Kembla and surrounded by significant greenspace. We hope to revitalise the entire area as a community campus, which will benefit many community service organisations, and be a welcoming and accessible place for community members,' Community Industry Group CEO Nicky Sloan said.

'We hope, in time to activate this currently unused greenspace,' Flagstaff CEO Roy Rogers added, 'We plan to work with the community to bring the resources they nominate such as wheelchair accessible pathways, outdoor exercise equipment, community gardens and an inclusive learn to ride track. This should provide a much needed outdoor space for all people, including people with a disability, and attract new visitors to the area while promoting health and wellbeing.'

The new Flagstaff facility will include an incubator for start-up businesses for people with a disability, while the Community Industry Group buildings will be used as training and meeting facilities for community organisations.

'The release of these facilities by BlueScope is an incredible example of good corporate citizenship,' Mr Rogers said, 'BlueScope are committed to continuing to work with us as we move forward to bring the Community Campus to fruition. We are thankful for their belief and fore vision to repurpose this area as a community campus.'

'We are so grateful for this opportunity, for the collegiality of the BlueScope team, and for their willingness to continue the long history of philanthropy that is part of the steelworks legacy. As we learned at the 90th anniversary, the Hoskins family endowed the region with many ongoing community facilities, and it is heartening to see this tradition being honoured 90 years on,' said Ms Sloan.

For more information on the work of Community Industry Group see www.communityindustrygroup.org.au and for Flagstaff see <https://www.flagstaffgroup.com.au/>

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